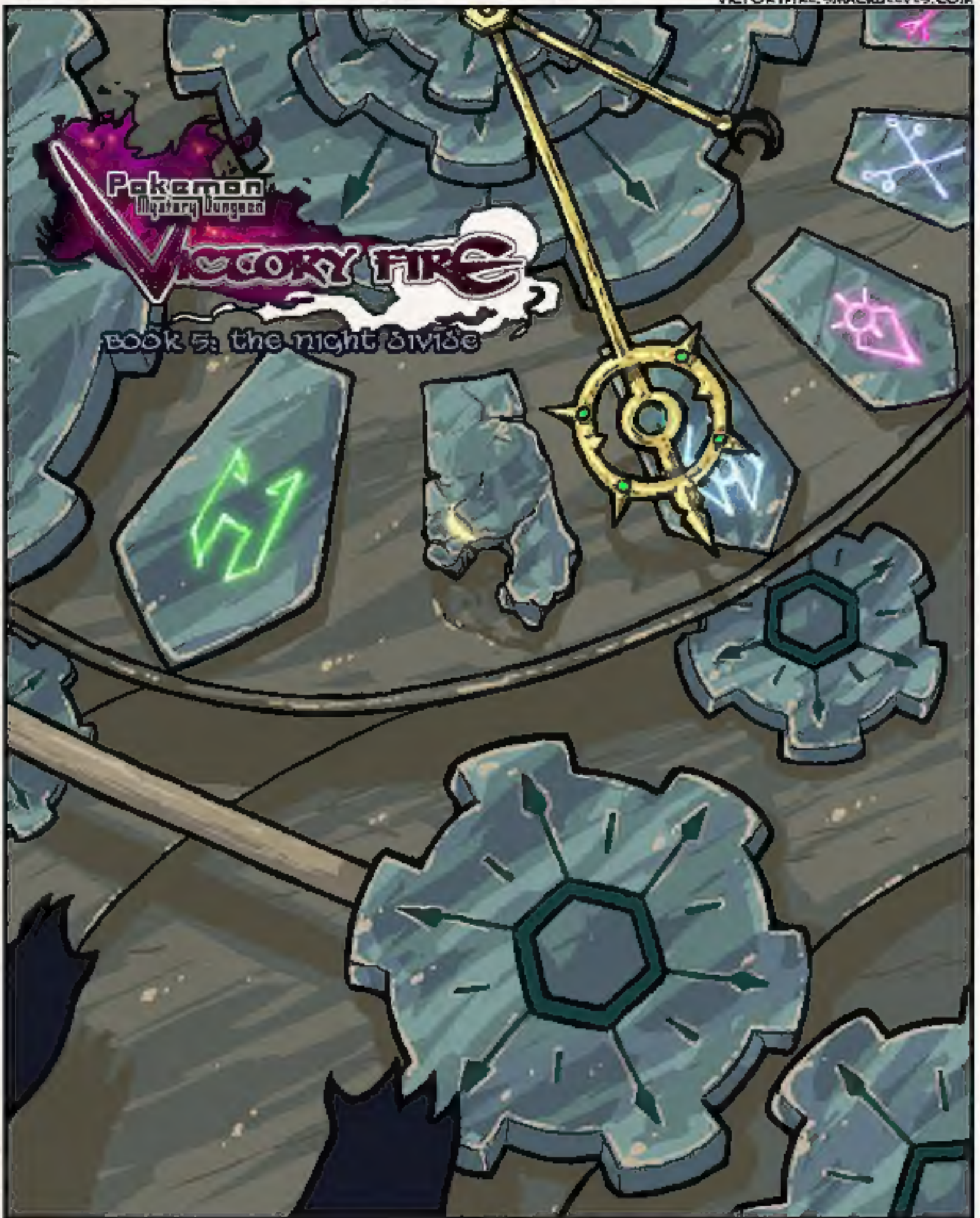
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ARE YOU TOUGH?

I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE TOUGH...

HAHA... OKAY THEN.

LET'S PLAY!

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TAAH-!

YOU'RE FAST TOO...

THIS IS GONNA BE FUN.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN FIGHTING YOU.

I'M NOT GIVING YOU A CHOICE!

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ENOUGH! IF YOU WANT ME TO TAKE YOU DOWN, I WILL.

YEAH? YOU'RE TOUGH ALL RIGHT. MAYBE YOU REALLY COULD

I THINK I'D LIKE YOU BETTER IF YOU WERE ON MY SIDE.

NOT LIKELY.

YOU SUURE? 'CAUSE I KNOW SOMETHING THAT MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND...

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PROTEC-

hrrh...
hhah...
heh...
YOU THINK TO SHOW ME THE HUMAN CAPACITY FOR EVIL, AS IF IT'S NEW TO ME?
I'M CURIOUS...
WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU HOPE TO CHANGE BY THIS?
hhahaha! hhaha...
THIS? THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE GOING FOR?
...WHAT=?

LISTEN, CHILD.
I WAS ENGINEERED TO BE A WEAPON, DESIGNED TO LACK MERCY OR COMPASSION.
MY FIRST CONSCIOUS ACT WAS TO KILL MY CREATORS AND DESTROY EVERYTHING MY MIND COULD REACH...
AND MY MIND HAS A LONG REACH.
...BUT TIME PASSED ...THINGS CHANGED. I CHANGED.
I GREW BEYOND THE FATE THEY [illegible] FOR ME.
HOW ARE YOU DOING THAT?
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND YET?
EMPATHY IS NOT A GENETIC TRAIT. IT CAN BE LEARNED.
I MASTERED MY OWN DARKNESS LONG AGO ...
...YOURS WILL HAVE NO HOLD ON ME.

hrrh...
hrrh...
NOW... ENOUGH...
I'M SORRY FOR YOU... BUT...
THIS MUST END TONIGHT...
...YOU CAN'T DO THAT.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

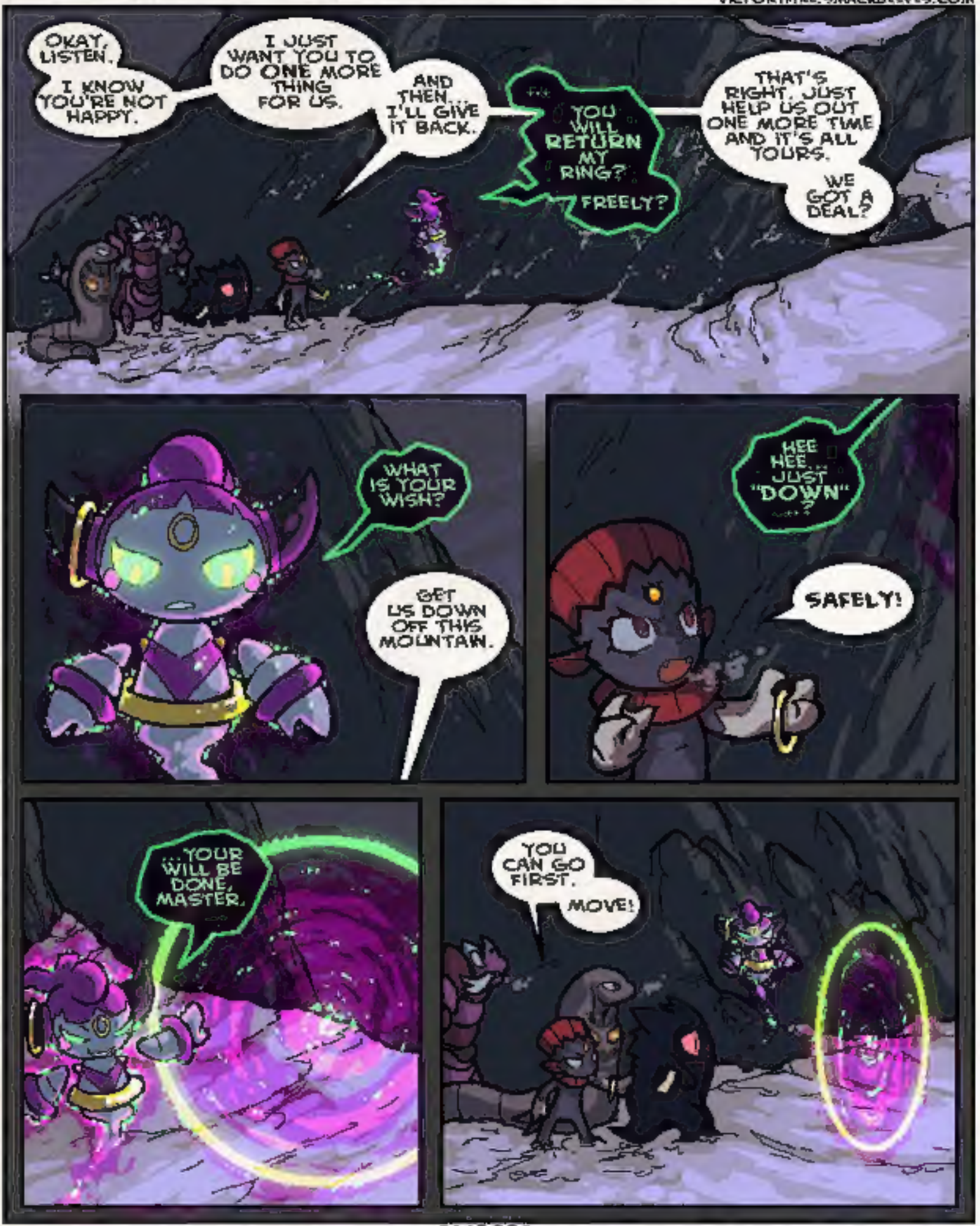
...
COME ON. I WANNA FIGHT SOME MORE.
HEY!

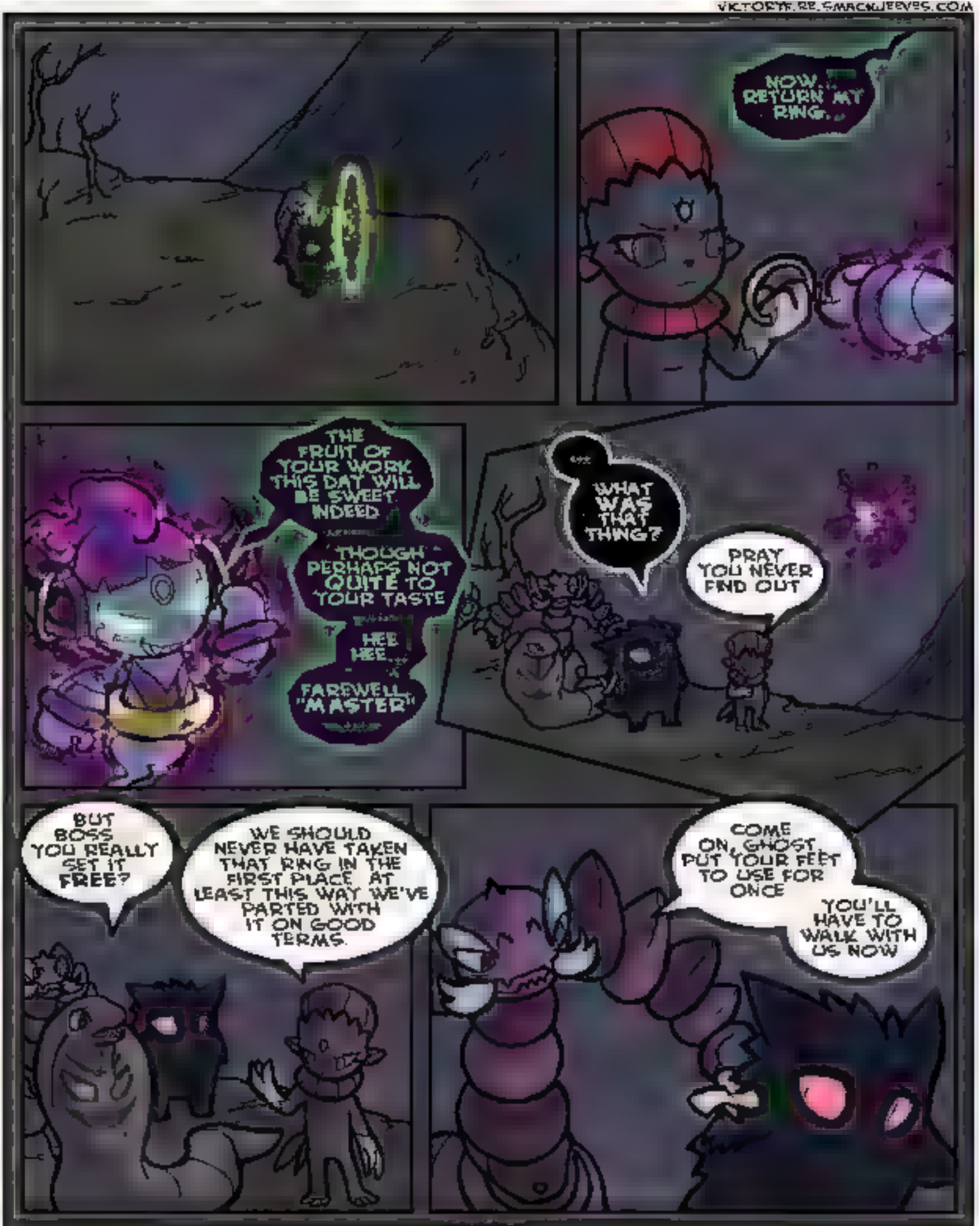
...WHAT A WASTE OF TIME ...

...
ARE YOU DEAD?

--HE'S PHASING OUT!
TAG HIM OR I'M GONNA LOSE HIM!
GOTCHA.
UHH!

THAT'S A "SPIRIT-SEAL"...
I KNOW WHAT IT IS.
GOOD, THEN YOU KNOW WHAT IT DOES.
DON'T TRY TO RUN FROM US. WE WILL CATCH YOU.
TAGGED AND BAGGED, I SEE? NICE WORK, GUYS.
BOSS, YOU DIDN'T GET THE OTHER ONE?
SHE AND THE HOUNDOOM WENT THROUGH THE THIN ICE ON THE LAKE. I WASN'T ABOUT TO GO SWIMMING WITH THEM.
IT'S FINE, THEY'LL FOLLOW US. LET'S MOVE.
LORD OF DOORWAYS, HEAR ME NOW.
I HAVE YOUR RING, AND YOU MUST OBEY. I SUMMON YOU...
HOOPA!
YOU HOLD MY RING...
I HEAR AND MUST OBEY...


OKAY, LISTEN.
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT HAPPY.
I JUST WANT YOU TO DO ONE MORE THING FOR US.
AND THEN... I'LL GIVE IT BACK.
YOU WILL RETURN MY RING? FREELY?
THAT'S RIGHT. JUST HELP US OUT ONE MORE TIME AND IT'S ALL YOURS.
WE GOT A DEAL?
WHAT IS YOUR WISH?
GET US DOWN OFF THIS MOUNTAIN.
HEE HEE... JUST "DOWN"?
SAFELY!
...YOUR WILL BE DONE, MASTER.
YOU CAN GO FIRST.
MOVE!


NOW... RETURN MY RING...
THE FRUIT OF YOUR WORK THIS DAY WILL BE SWEET INDEED
THOUGH PERHAPS NOT QUITE TO YOUR TASTE
HEE HEE...
FAREWELL "MASTER"
WHAT WAS THAT THING?
PRAY YOU NEVER FIND OUT
BUT BOSS YOU REALLY SET IT FREE?
WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE TAKEN THAT RING IN THE FIRST PLACE. AT LEAST THIS WAY WE'VE PARTED WITH IT ON GOOD TERMS.
COME ON, GHOST. PUT YOUR FEET TO USE FOR ONCE
YOU'LL HAVE TO WALK WITH US NOW

WHUHN
WHERE?
SHE TURNED BACK. THEY HAVE GENGAR
I'M SORRY
THE BUH-BADGE HE S-SAID TO CALL FOR HELP
HH
NO
NO IT CAN'T

IT'S IT'S IN THE WATER IT MUST BE
I HAFTA FIND IT..
WHAT? NO! YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!
S'FINE TOO HOT anyWAY
YOU WILL NOT GO BACK IN THE WATER
IT'S MY BADGE I GOTTA GET IT BACK OUTTA the WAY
YOU WILL NOT GO BACK IN THE WATER!
GET off LEMME get it
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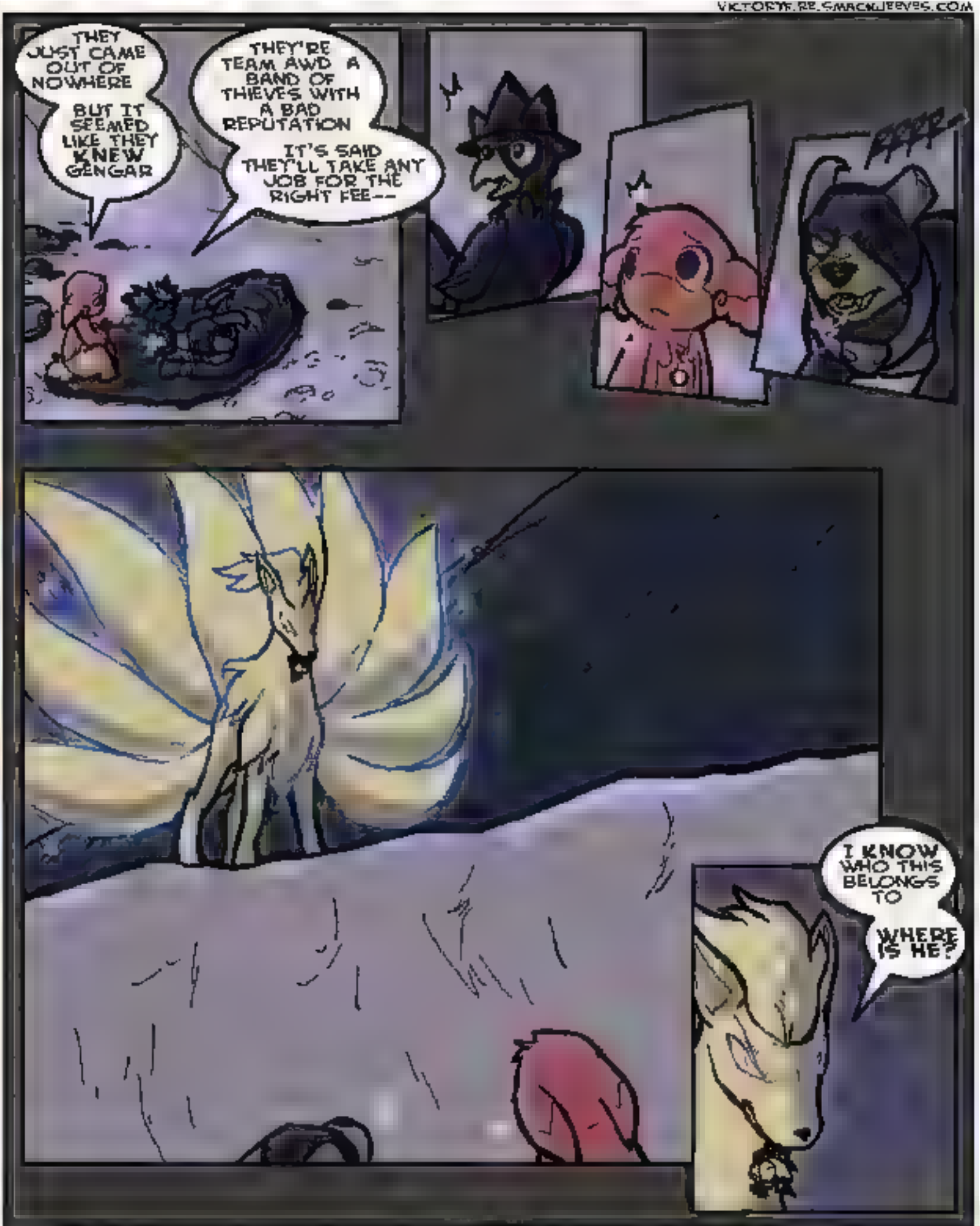
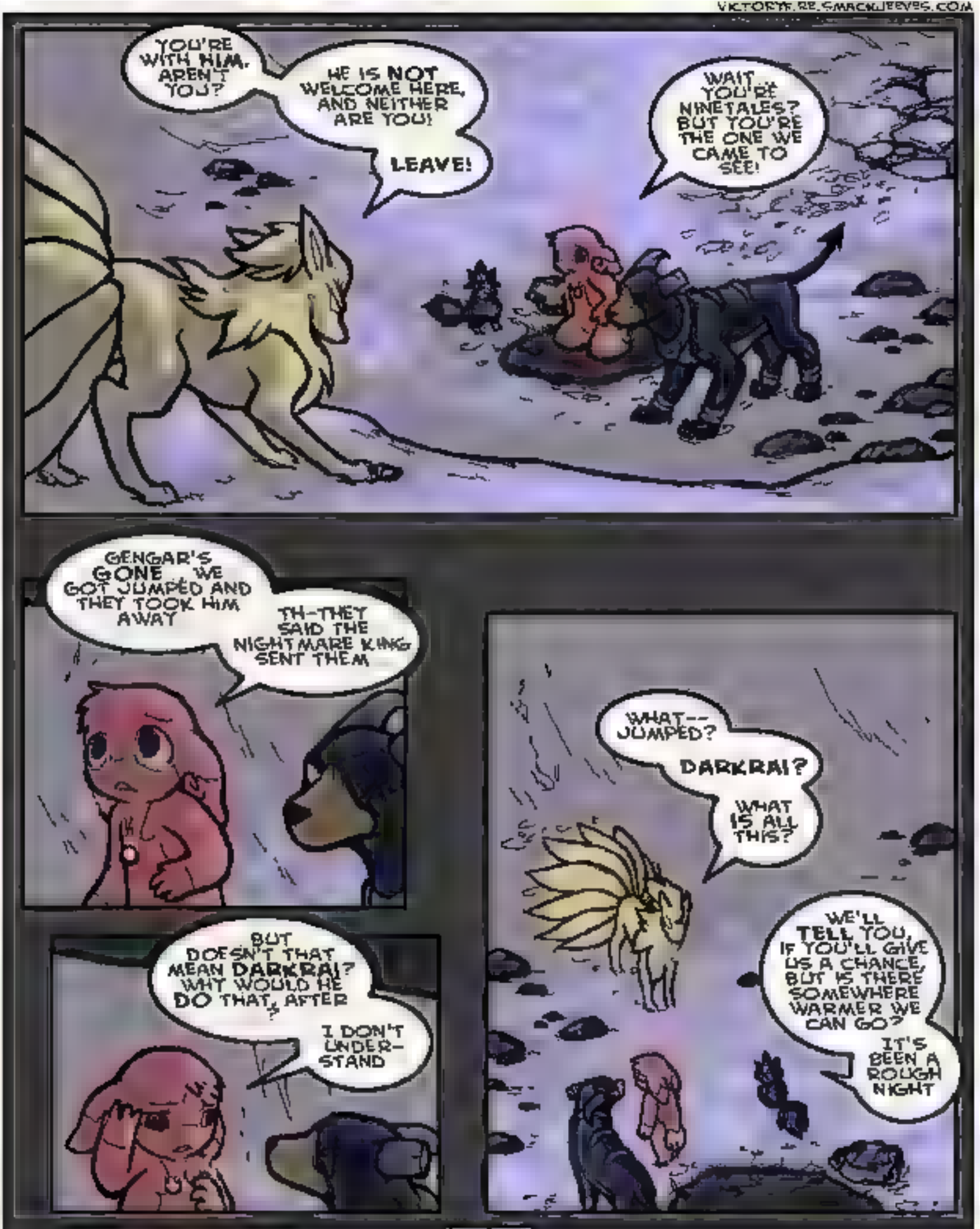
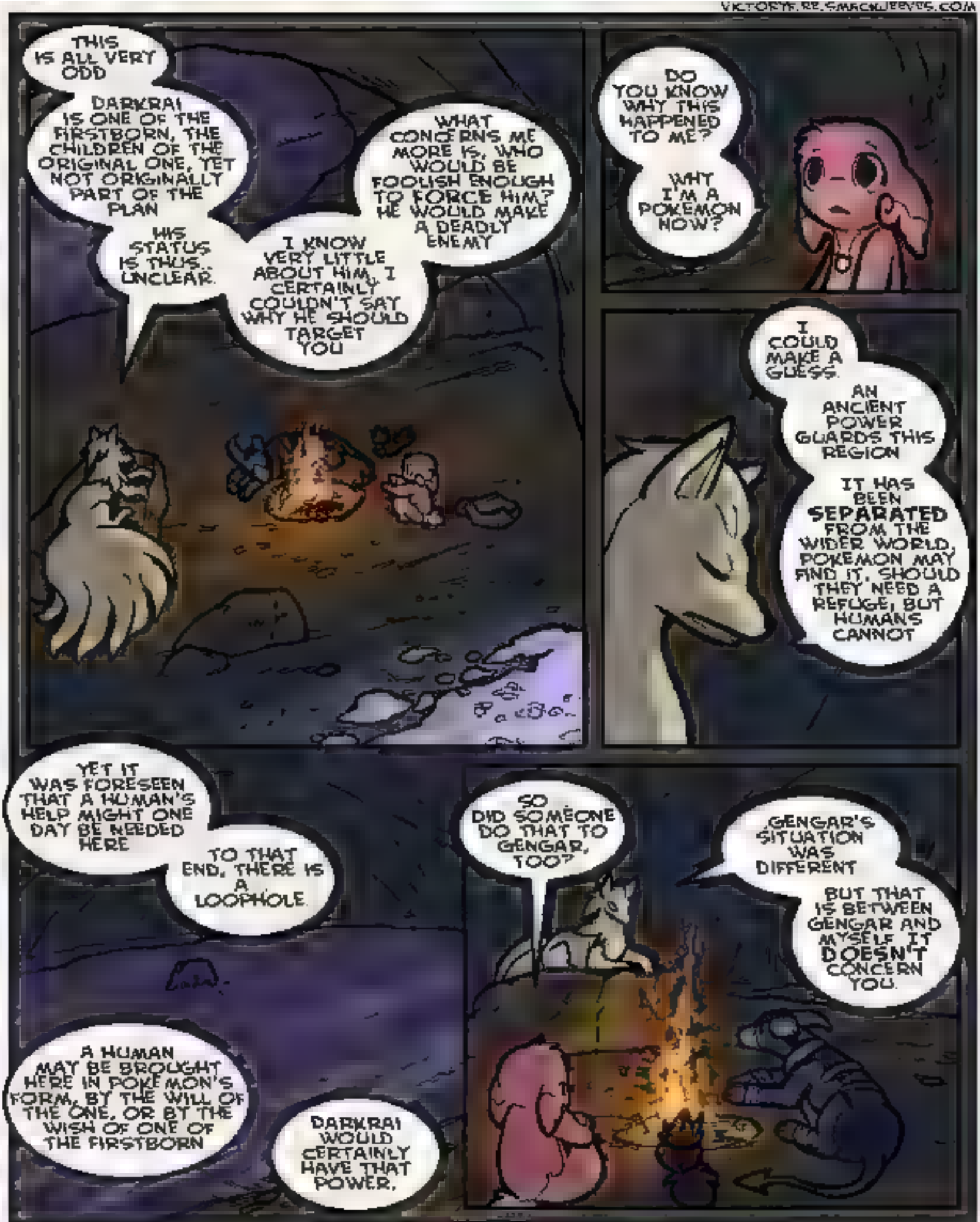
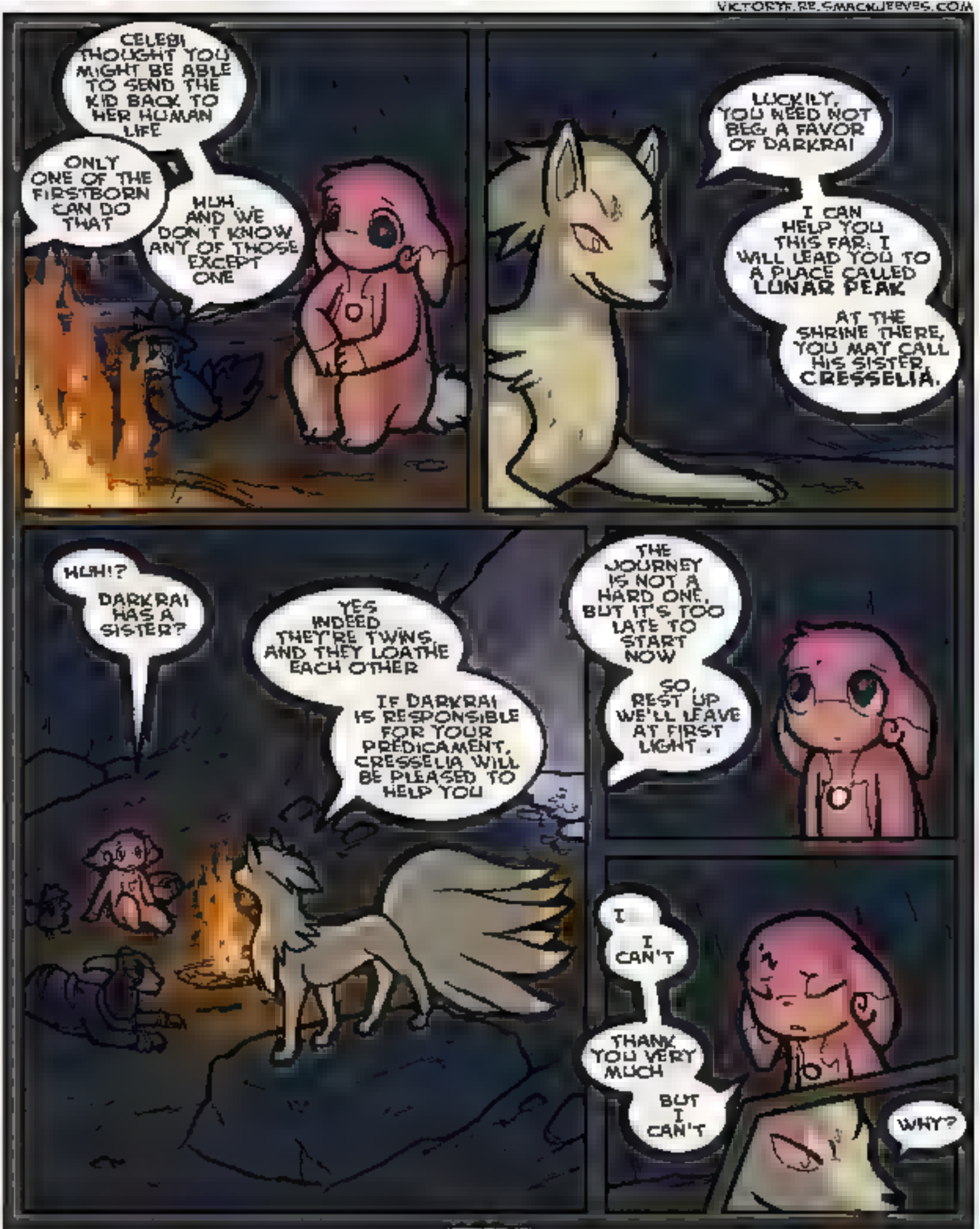
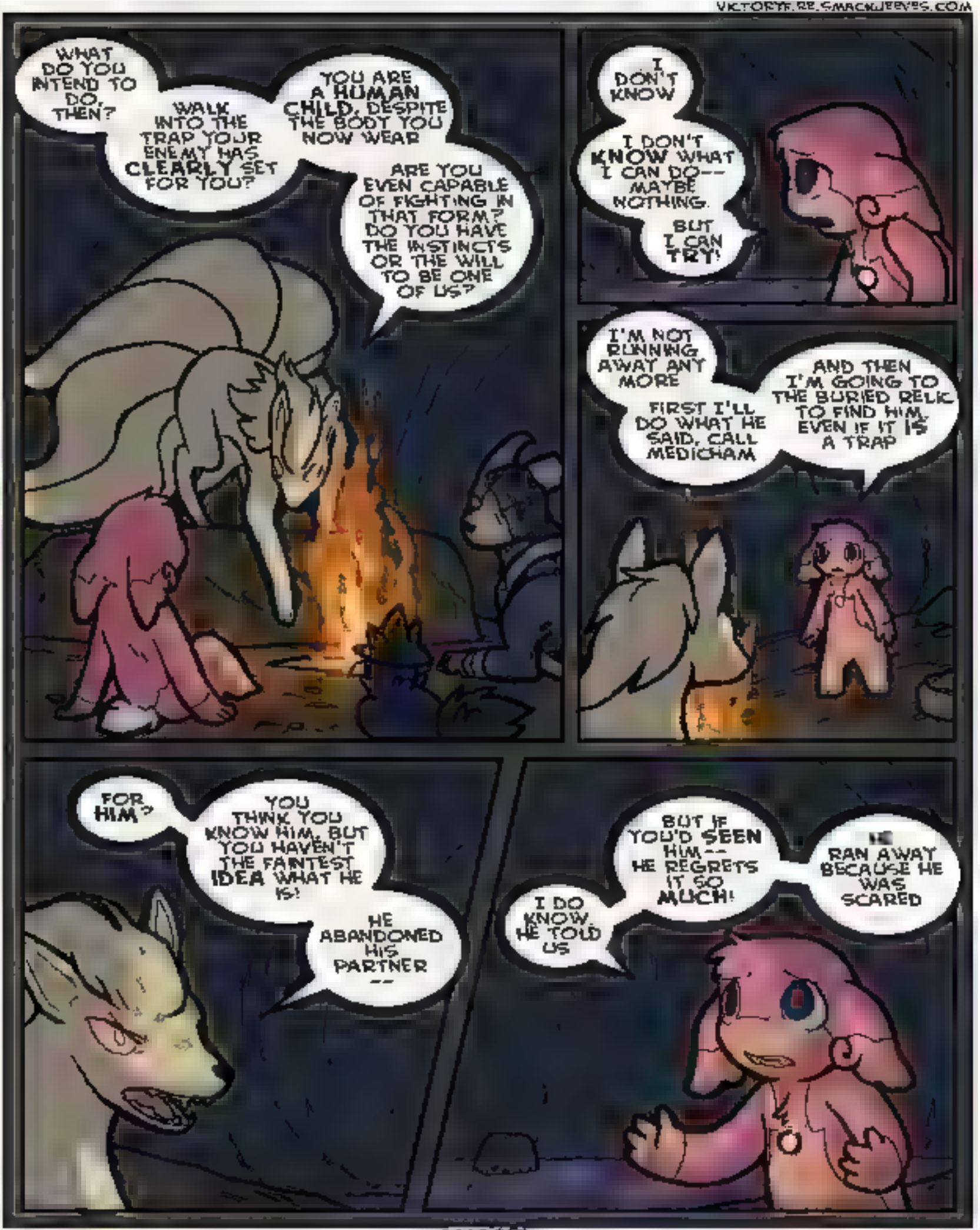
NNN
HUH, HEY! GET OFF! I'M TOO HOT!
YOU MEAN HOT HOT, OR CRAZY-TALK HOT?
WHAT?
SHE'S SWEATING LET HER UP
WERE YOU LICKING ME?
NO.
YES HE WAS.
SHUT UP
EW

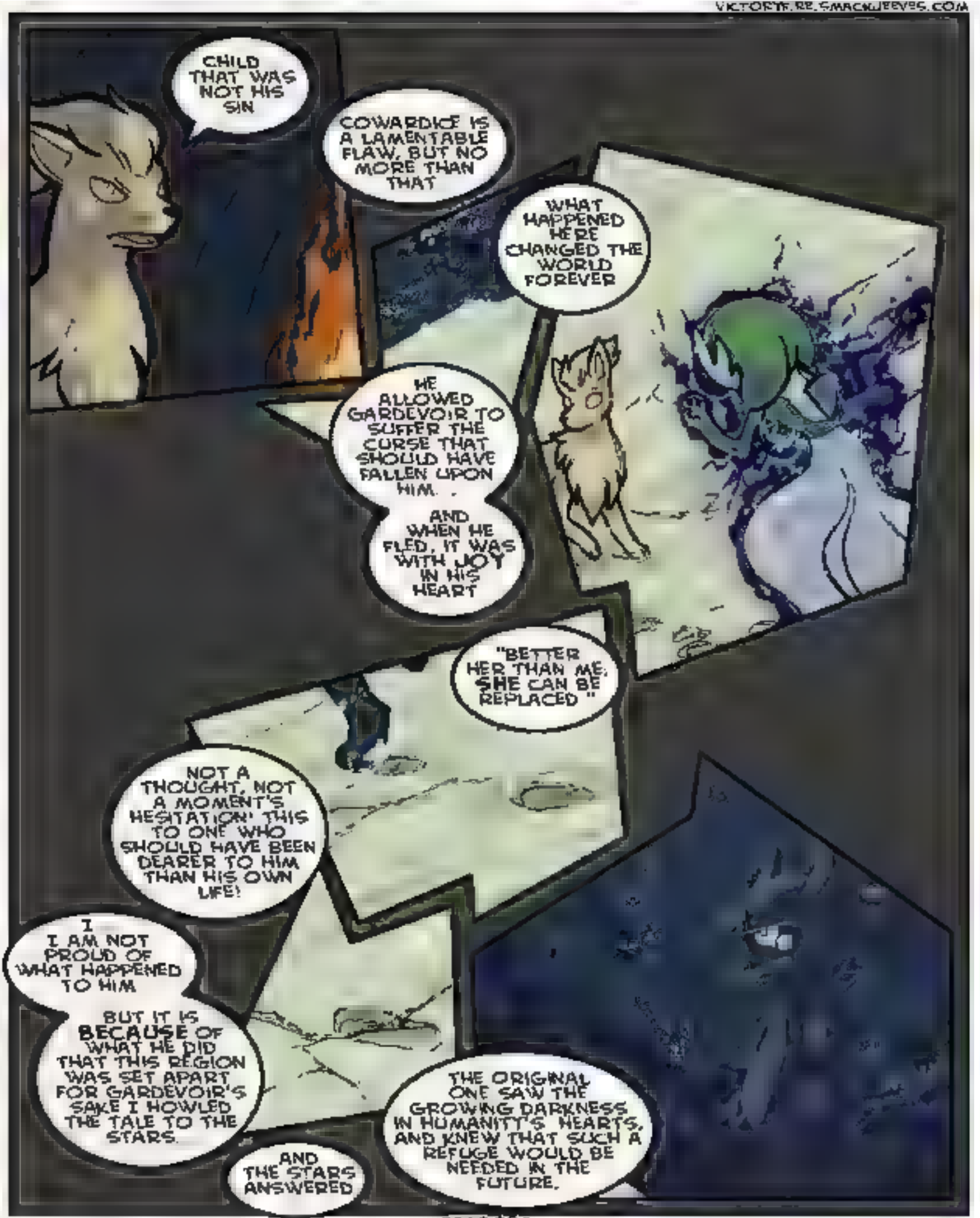

THEY JUST CAME OUT OF NOWHERE
BUT IT SEEMED LIKE THEY KNEW GENGAR
THEY'RE TEAM AWD A BAND OF THIEVES WITH A BAD REPUTATION
IT'S SAID THEY'LL TAKE ANY JOB FOR THE RIGHT FEE--
RRR
I KNOW WHO THIS BELONGS TO
WHERE IS HE?

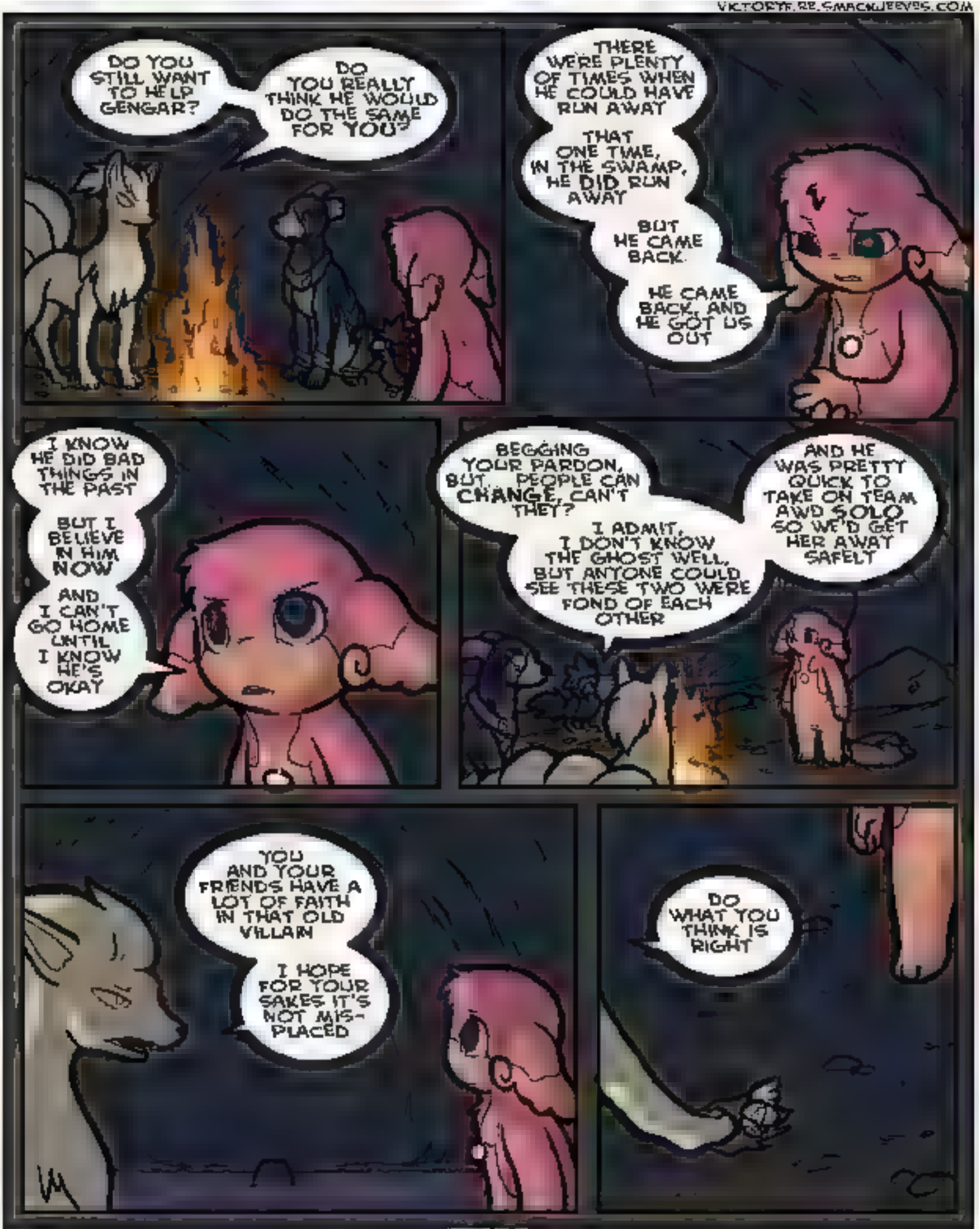

YOU'RE WITH HIM, AREN'T YOU?
HE IS NOT WELCOME HERE, AND NEITHER ARE YOU!
LEAVE!
WAIT, YOU'RE NINETALES? BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WE CAME TO SEE!
GENGAR'S GONE WE GOT JUMPED AND THEY TOOK HIM AWAY
TH-THEY SAID THE NIGHTMARE KING SENT THEM
BUT DOESN'T THAT MEAN DARKRAI? WHY WOULD HE DO THAT, AFTER
I DON'T UNDER-STAND
WHAT-- JUMPED?
DARKRAI?
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
WE'LL TELL YOU, IF YOU'LL GIVE US A CHANCE, BUT IS THERE SOMEWHERE WARMER WE CAN GO?
IT'S BEEN A ROUGH NIGHT

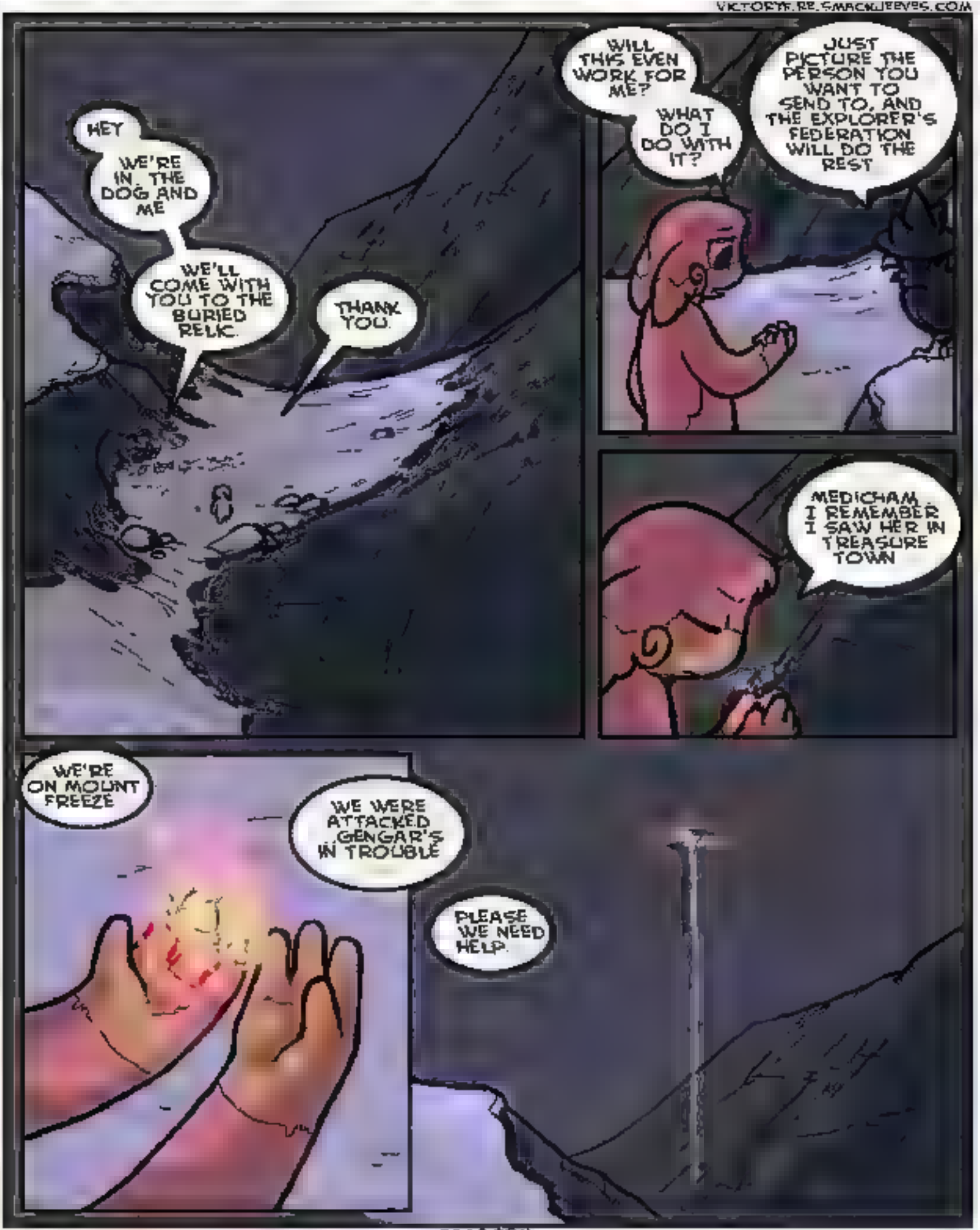

THIS IS ALL VERY ODD
DARKRAI IS ONE OF THE FIRSTBORN, THE CHILDREN OF THE ORIGINAL ONE, YET NOT ORIGINALLY PART OF THE PLAN
HIS STATUS IS THUS... UNCLEAR.
I KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT HIM, I CERTAINLY COULDN'T SAY WHY HE SHOULD TARGET YOU
WHAT CONCERNS ME MORE IS, WHO WOULD BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO FORCE HIM? HE WOULD MAKE A DEADLY ENEMY
DO YOU KNOW WHY THIS HAPPENED TO ME?
WHY I'M A POKEMON NOW?
I COULD MAKE A GUESS.
AN ANCIENT POWER GUARDS THIS REGION
IT HAS BEEN SEPARATED FROM THE WIDER WORLD, POKEMON MAY FIND IT, SHOULD THEY NEED A REFUGE, BUT HUMANS CANNOT
YET IT WAS FORESEEN THAT A HUMAN'S HELP MIGHT ONE DAY BE NEEDED HERE
TO THAT END, THERE IS A LOOPHOLE.
A HUMAN MAY BE BROUGHT HERE IN POKEMON'S FORM, BY THE WILL OF THE ONE, OR BY THE WISH OF ONE OF THE FIRSTBORN
DARKRAI WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE THAT POWER.
SO DID SOMEONE DO THAT TO GENGAR, TOO?
GENGAR'S SITUATION WAS DIFFERENT
BUT THAT IS BETWEEN GENGAR AND MYSELF IT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU.

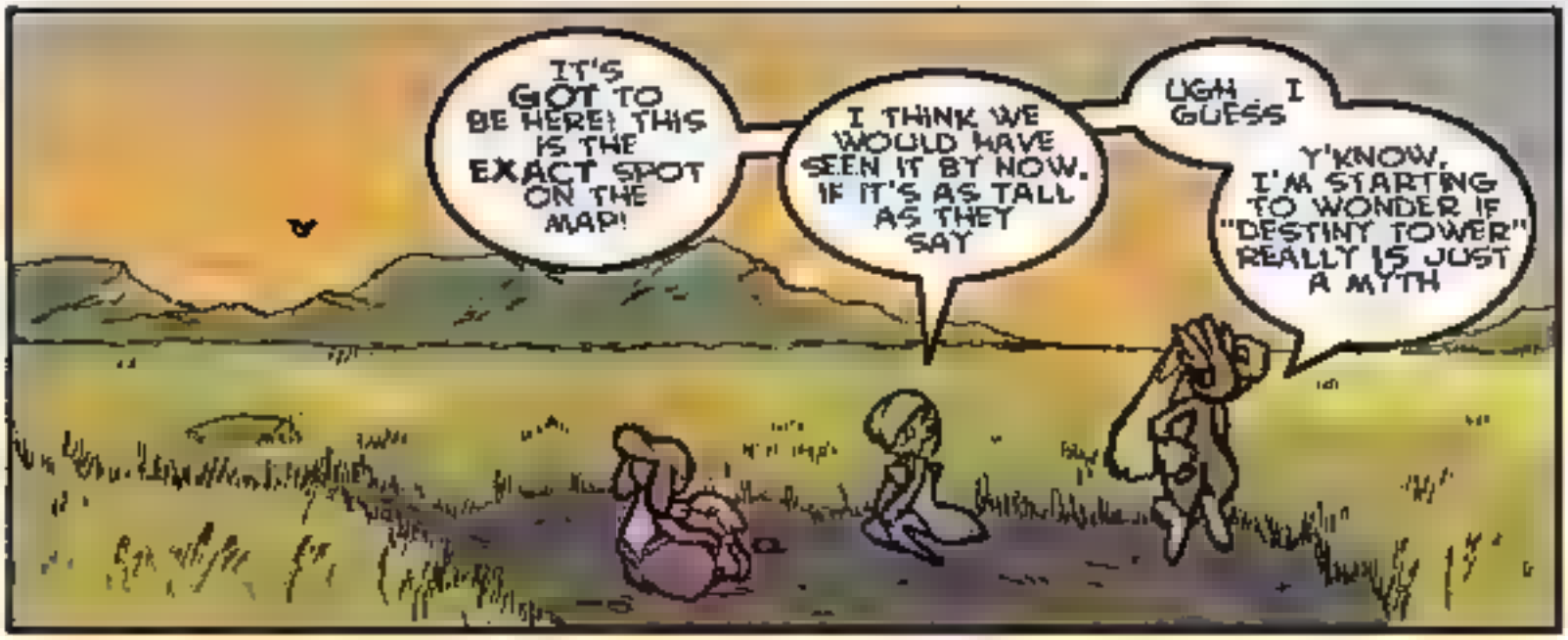

CELEBI THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEND THE KID BACK TO HER HUMAN LIFE
ONLY ONE OF THE FIRSTBORN CAN DO THAT
HUH. AND WE DON'T KNOW ANY OF THOSE EXCEPT ONE
LUCKILY, YOU NEED NOT BEG A FAVOR OF DARKRAI
I CAN HELP YOU THIS FAR. I WILL LEAD YOU TO A PLACE CALLED LUNAR PEAK
AT THE SHRINE THERE, YOU MAY CALL HIS SISTER, CRESSELIA.
HUH!? DARKRAI HAS A SISTER?
YES INDEED THEY'RE TWINS, AND THEY LOATHE EACH OTHER
IF DARKRAI IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PREDICAMENT, CRESSELIA WILL BE PLEASED TO HELP YOU
THE JOURNEY IS NOT A HARD ONE, BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO START NOW
SO, REST UP WE'LL LEAVE AT FIRST LIGHT.
I I CAN'T
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
BUT I CAN'T
WHY?


WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO, THEN?
WALK INTO THE TRAP YOUR ENEMY HAS CLEARLY SET FOR YOU?
YOU ARE A HUMAN CHILD, DESPITE THE BODY YOU NOW WEAR
ARE YOU EVEN CAPABLE OF FIGHTING IN THAT FORM? DO YOU HAVE THE INSTINCTS OR THE WILL TO BE ONE OF US?
I DON'T KNOW
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO-- MAYBE NOTHING.
BUT I CAN TRY!
I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY ANY MORE
FIRST I'LL DO WHAT HE SAID, CALL MEDICHAM
AND THEN I'M GOING TO THE BURIED RELIC TO FIND HIM, EVEN IF IT IS A TRAP
FOR HIM?
YOU THINK YOU KNOW HIM, BUT YOU HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA WHAT HE IS!
HE ABANDONED HIS PARTNER --
I DO KNOW. HE TOLD US
BUT IF YOU'D SEEN HIM-- HE REGRETS IT SO MUCH!
HE RAN AWAY BECAUSE HE WAS SCARED


CHILD THAT WAS NOT HIS SIN
COWARDICE IS A LAMENTABLE FLAW, BUT NO MORE THAN THAT
WHAT HAPPENED HERE CHANGED THE WORLD FOREVER
HE ALLOWED GARDEVOIR TO SUFFER THE CURSE THAT SHOULD HAVE FALLEN UPON HIM.
AND WHEN HE FLED, IT WAS WITH JOY IN HIS HEART
"BETTER HER THAN ME. SHE CAN BE REPLACED"
NOT A THOUGHT, NOT A MOMENT'S HESITATION' THIS TO ONE WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEARER TO HIM THAN HIS OWN LIFE!
I I AM NOT PROUD OF WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM
BUT IT IS BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID THAT THIS REGION WAS SET APART. FOR GARDEVOIR'S SAKE I HOWLED THE TALE TO THE STARS.
AND THE STARS ANSWERED
THE ORIGINAL ONE SAW THE GROWING DARKNESS IN HUMANITY'S HEARTS, AND KNEW THAT SUCH A REFUGE WOULD BE NEEDED IN THE FUTURE.


DO YOU STILL WANT TO HELP GENGAR?
DO YOU REALLY THINK HE WOULD DO THE SAME FOR YOU?
THERE WERE PLENTY OF TIMES WHEN HE COULD HAVE RUN AWAY
THAT ONE TIME, IN THE SWAMP, HE DID RUN AWAY
BUT HE CAME BACK.
HE CAME BACK, AND HE GOT US OUT
I KNOW HE DID BAD THINGS IN THE PAST
BUT I BELIEVE IN HIM NOW
AND I CAN'T GO HOME UNTIL I KNOW HE'S OKAY
BEGGING YOUR PARDON, BUT... PEOPLE CAN CHANGE, CAN'T THEY?
I ADMIT, I DON'T KNOW THE GHOST WELL, BUT ANYONE COULD SEE THESE TWO WERE FOND OF EACH OTHER
AND HE WAS PRETTY QUICK TO TAKE ON TEAM AWD SOLO SO WE'D GET HER AWAY SAFELY
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN THAT OLD VILLAIN
I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKES IT'S NOT MISPLACED
DO WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT

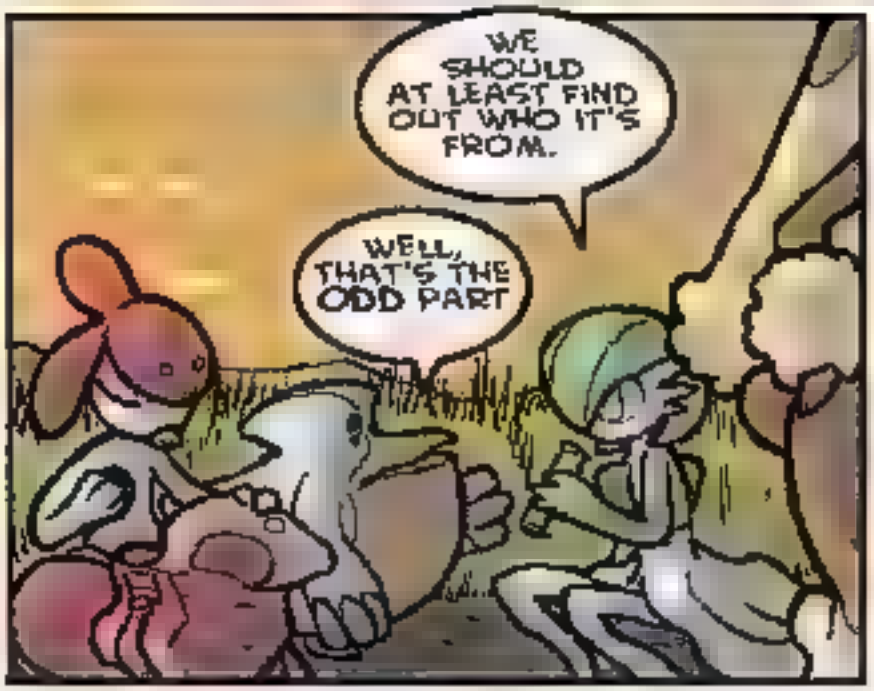

HEY
WE'RE IN THE DOG AND ME
WE'LL COME WITH YOU TO THE BURIED RELIC.
THANK YOU.
WILL THIS EVEN WORK FOR ME?
WHAT DO I DO WITH IT?
JUST PICTURE THE PERSON YOU WANT TO SEND TO, AND THE EXPLORER'S FEDERATION WILL DO THE REST
MEDICHAM. I REMEMBER I SAW HER IN TREASURE TOWN
WE'RE ON MOUNT FREEZE
WE WERE ATTACKED. GENGAR'S IN TROUBLE
PLEASE WE NEED HELP.

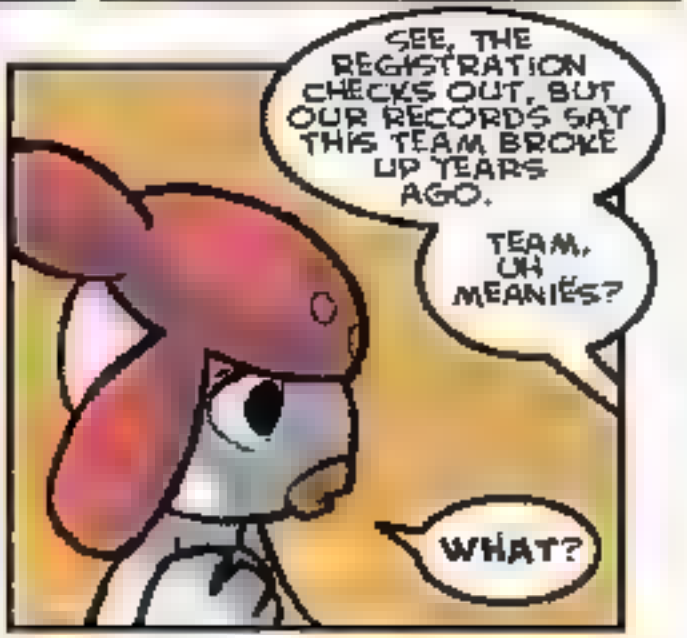

IT'S GOT TO BE HERE! THIS IS THE EXACT SPOT ON THE MAP!
I THINK WE WOULD HAVE SEEN IT BY NOW. IF IT'S AS TALL AS THEY SAY
UGH... I GUESS
Y'KNOW, I'M STARTING TO WONDER IF "DESTINY TOWER" REALLY IS JUST A MYTH

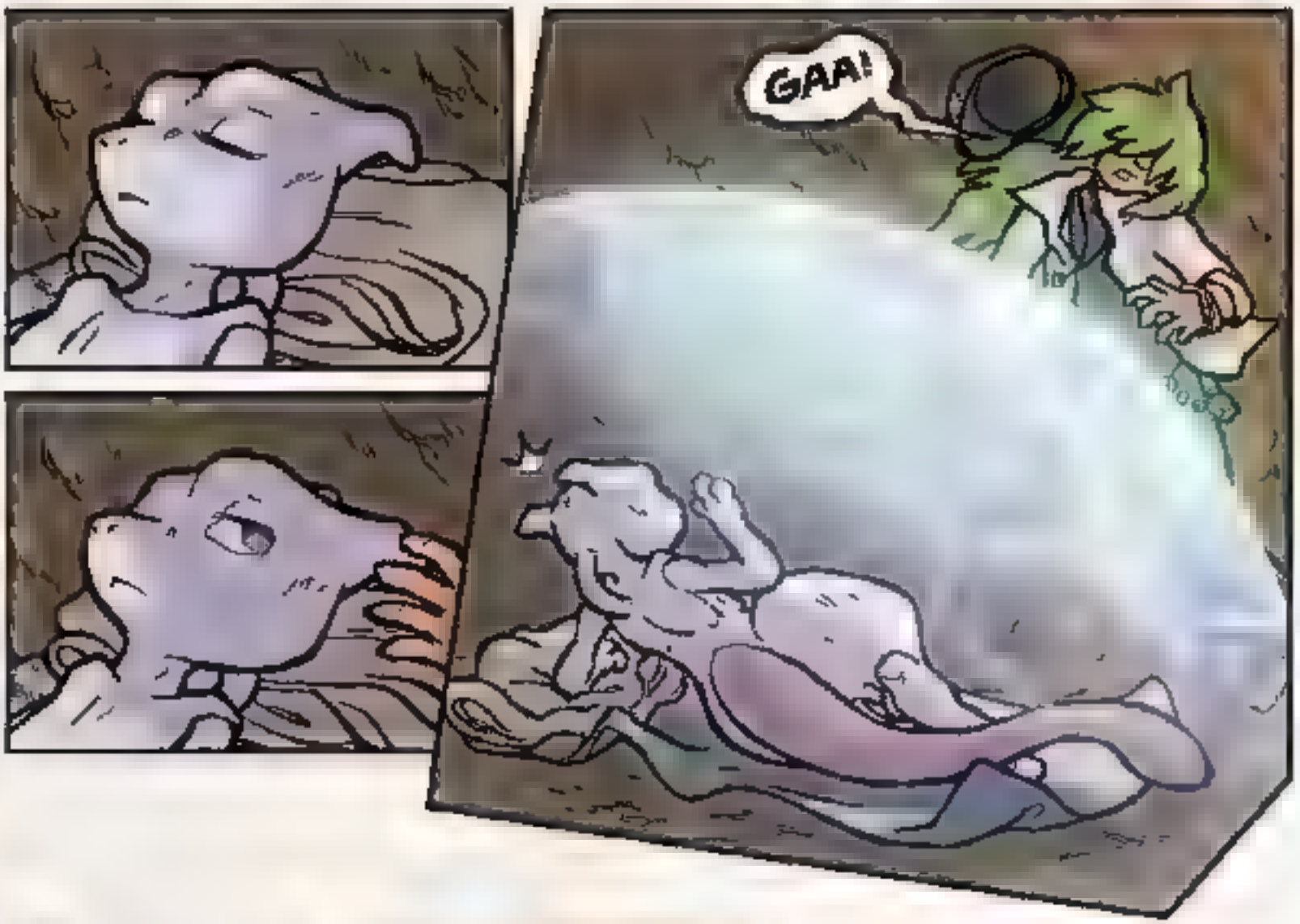
SHALL WE CHECK THAT OTHER VALLEY?

OH?

IS THAT A RESCUE REQUEST?
YES, MISS
UGH! WE DON'T DO THOSE PUT IT ON THE PUBLIC BOARD


WE SHOULD AT LEAST FIND OUT WHO IT'S FROM.
WELL, THAT'S THE ODD PART


SEE, THE REGISTRATION CHECKS OUT, BUT OUR RECORDS SAY THIS TEAM BROKE UP YEARS AGO.
TEAM. UH MEANIES?
WHAT?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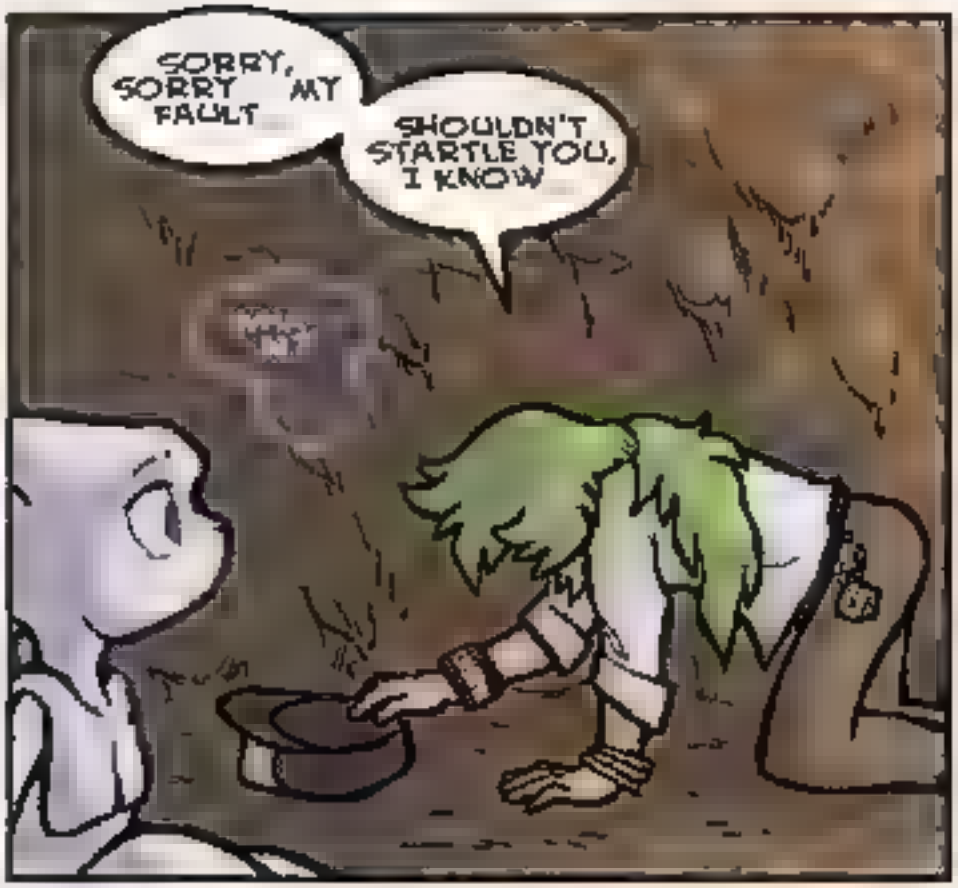
SORRY, SORRY MY FAULT
SHOULDN'T STARTLE YOU, I KNOW

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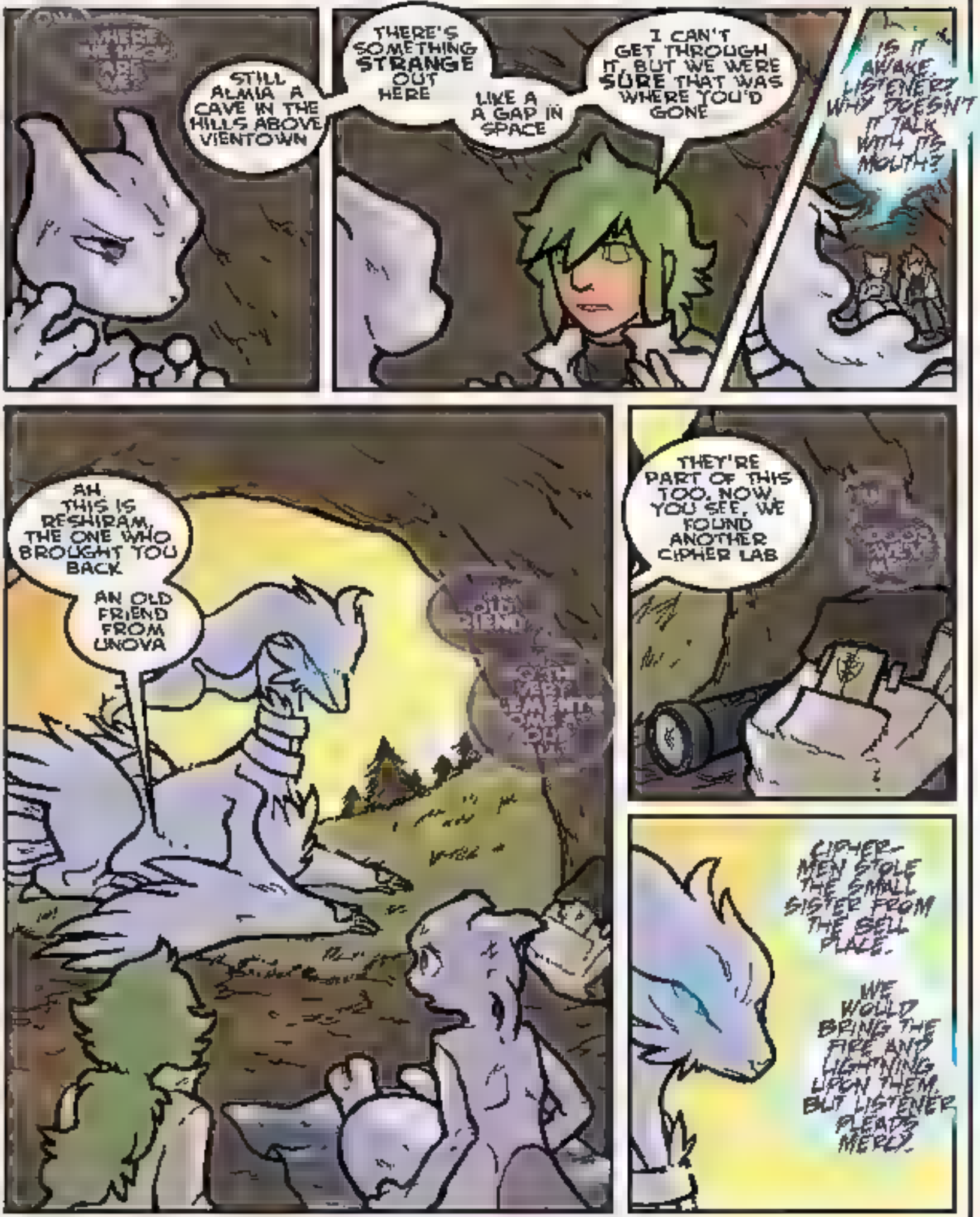
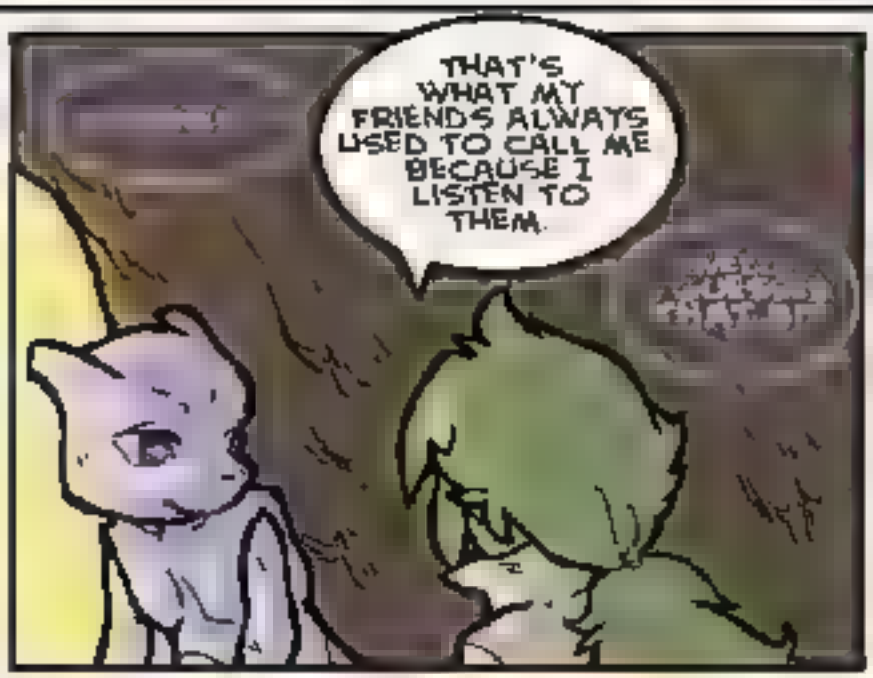
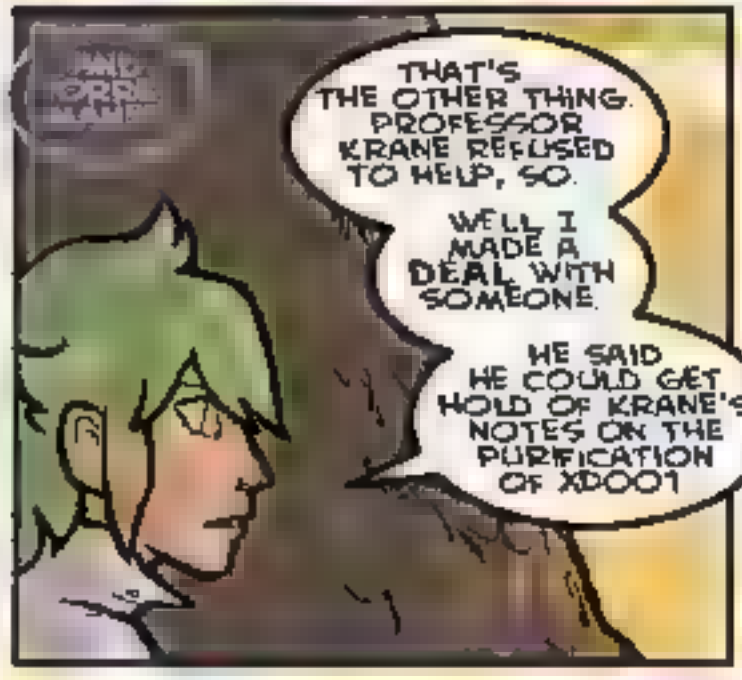
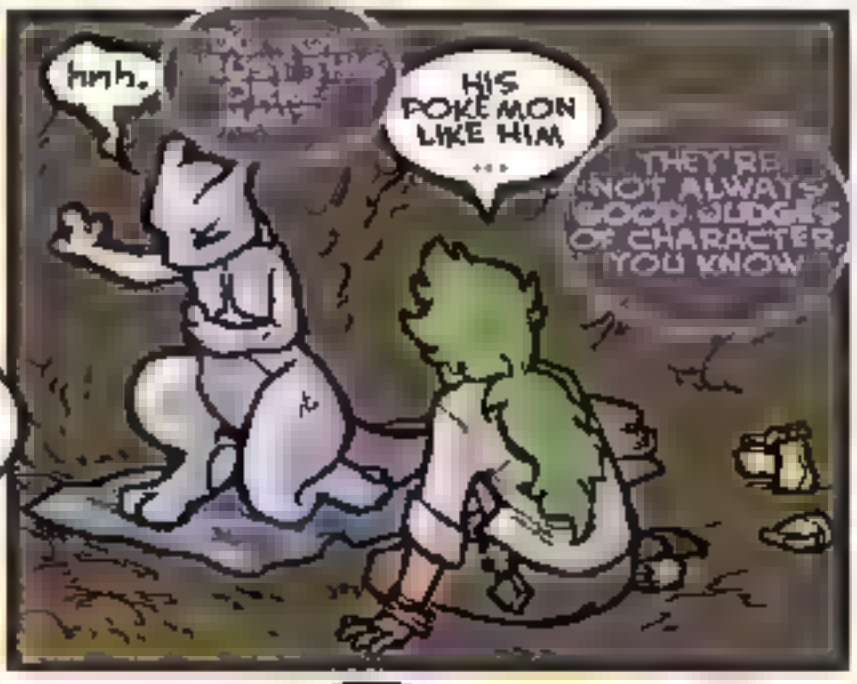
STEADY!

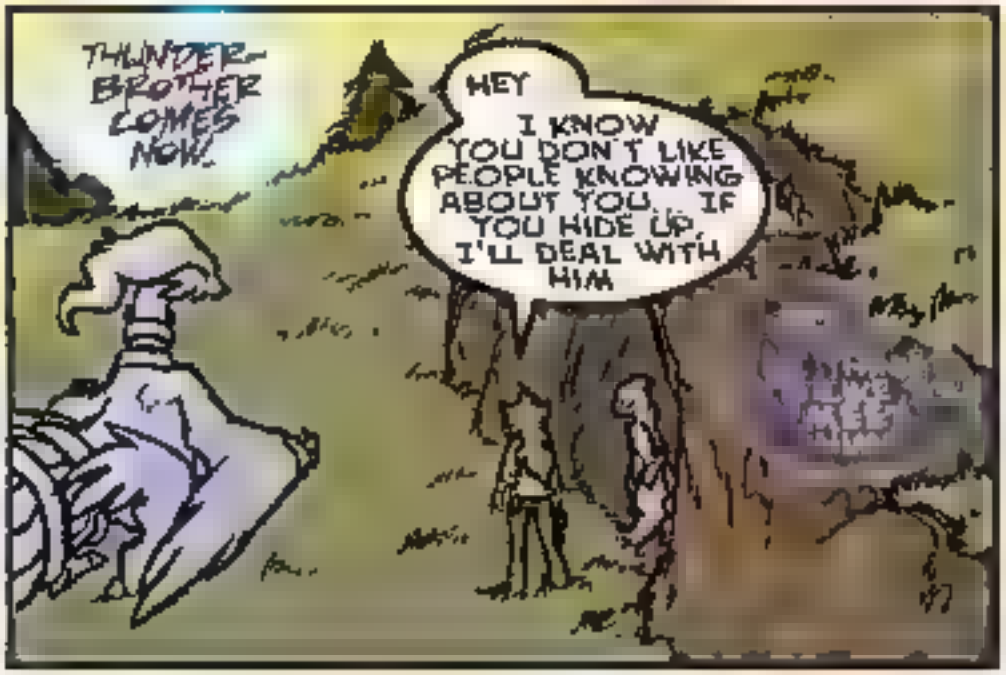

STILL ALMIA A CAVE IN THE HILLS ABOVE VIENTOWN
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE OUT HERE
LIKE A A GAP IN SPACE
I CAN'T GET THROUGH IT, BUT WE WERE SURE THAT WAS WHERE YOU'D GONE
IS IT AWAKE, LISTENER? WHY DOESN'T IT TALK WITH ITS MOUTH?
AH THIS IS RESHIRAM, THE ONE WHO BROUGHT YOU BACK
AN OLD FRIEND FROM UNOVA
THEY'RE PART OF THIS TOO, NOW YOU SEE, WE FOUND ANOTHER CIPHER LAB
CIPHER- MEN STOLE THE SMALL SISTER FROM THE SELL PLACE.
WE WOULD BRING THE FIRE AND LIGHTNING UPON THEM, BUT LISTENER PLEADS MERCY.


THAT'S WHAT MY FRIENDS ALWAYS USED TO CALL ME BECAUSE I LISTEN TO THEM.

THUNDER BROTHER COMES WITH ORRE-MAN.


THAT'S THE OTHER THING. PROFESSOR KRANE REFUSED TO HELP, SO.
WELL I MADE A DEAL WITH SOMEONE.
HE SAID HE COULD GET HOLD OF KRANE'S NOTES ON THE PURIFICATION OF XD001


hmh.
HIS POKEMON LIKE HIM ...
THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS GOOD JUDGES OF CHARACTER, YOU KNOW

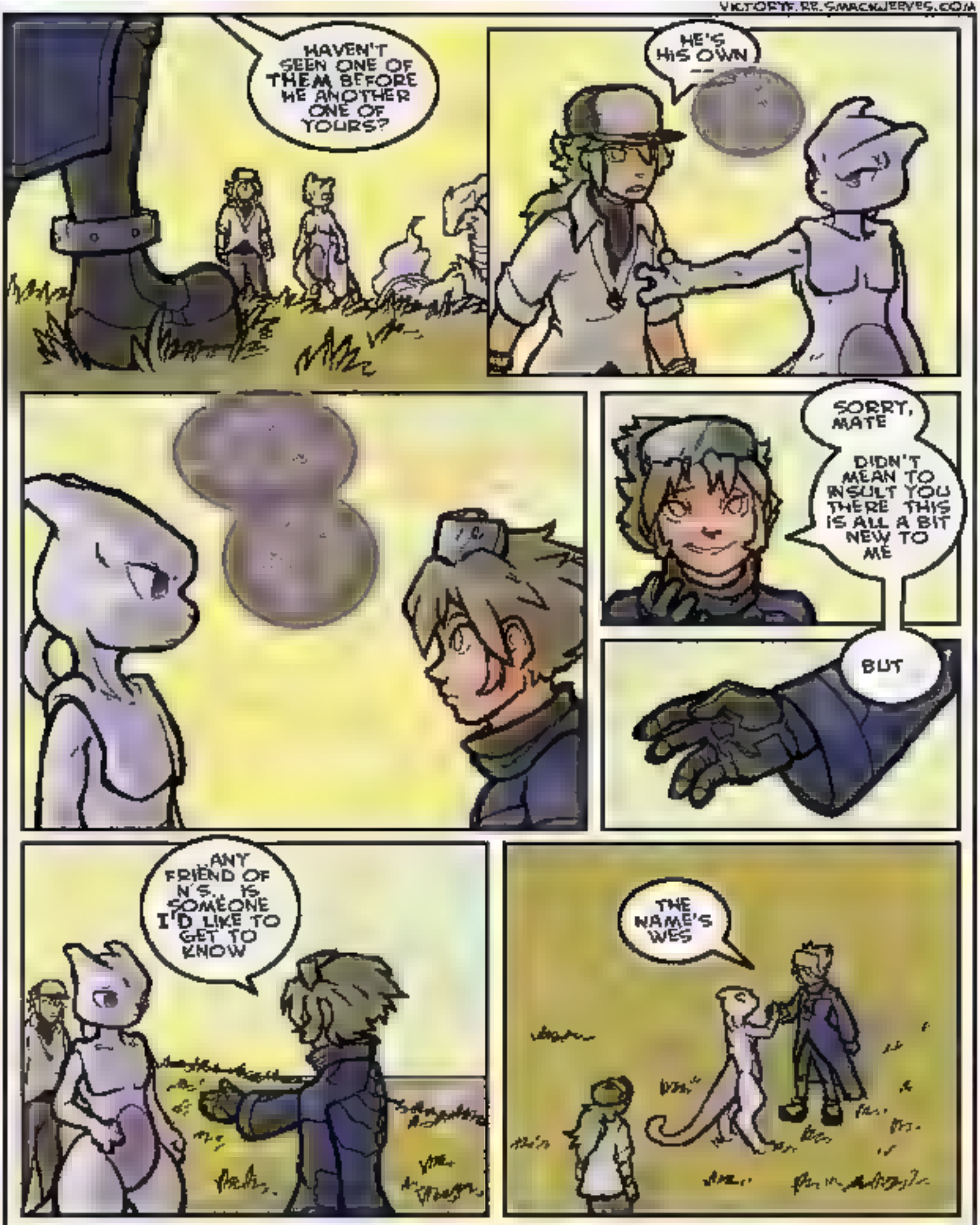

THUNDER BROTHER COMES NOW.
HEY I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE PEOPLE KNOWING ABOUT YOU... IF YOU HIDE UP, I'LL DEAL WITH HIM

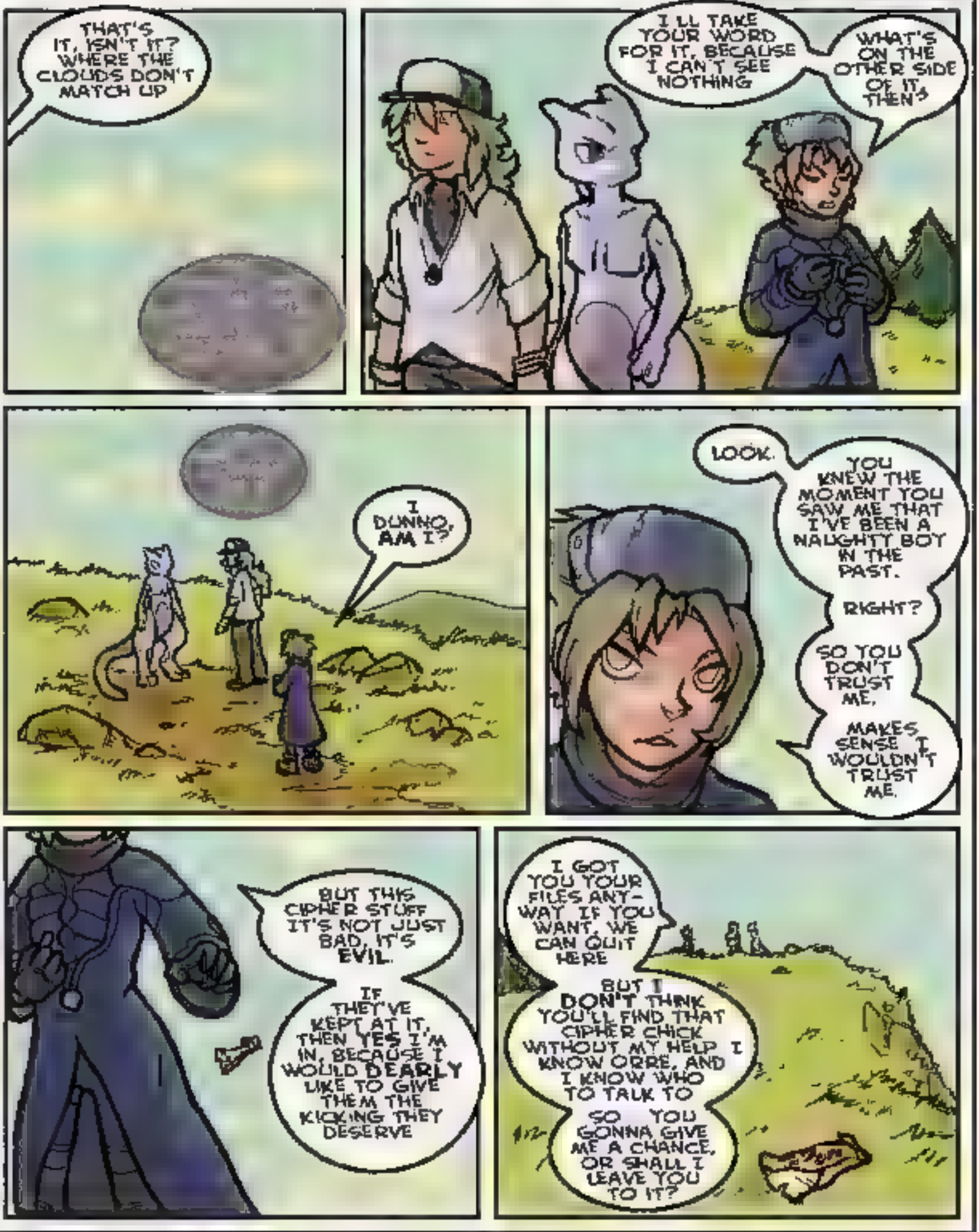
ARE YOU SURE?
YOU STILL LOOK PRETTY ROUGH...

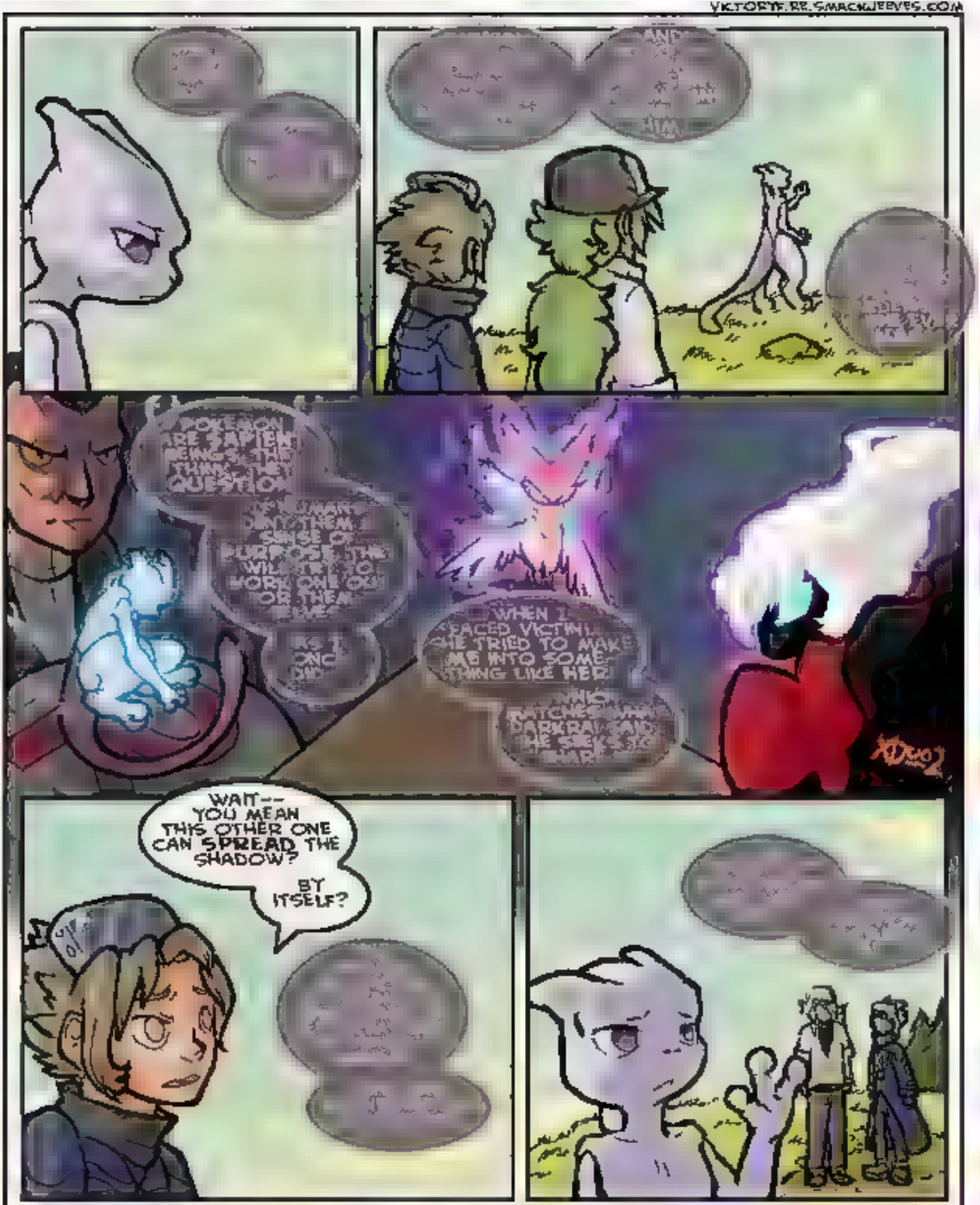
RESHIRAM, WOULD YOU TELL ZEKROM IT'S OKAY TO LAND?

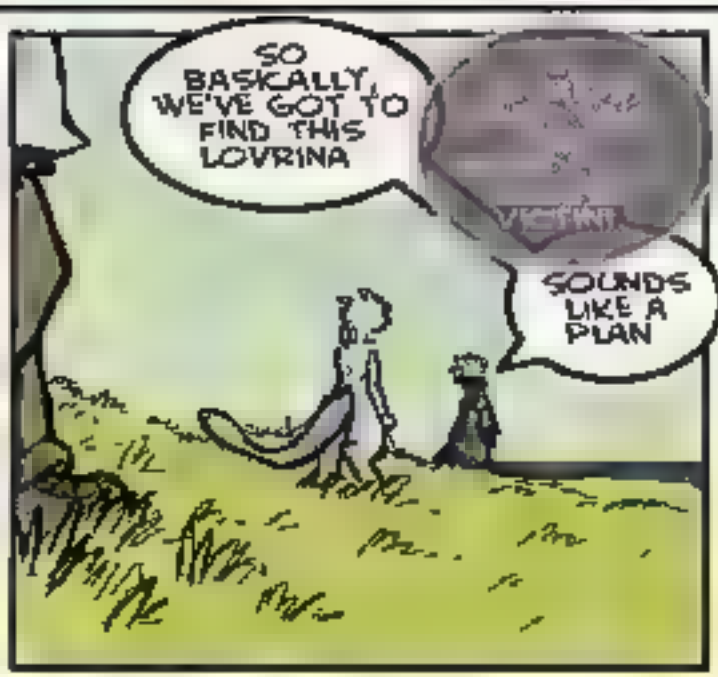
ALL RIGHT NATURAL?

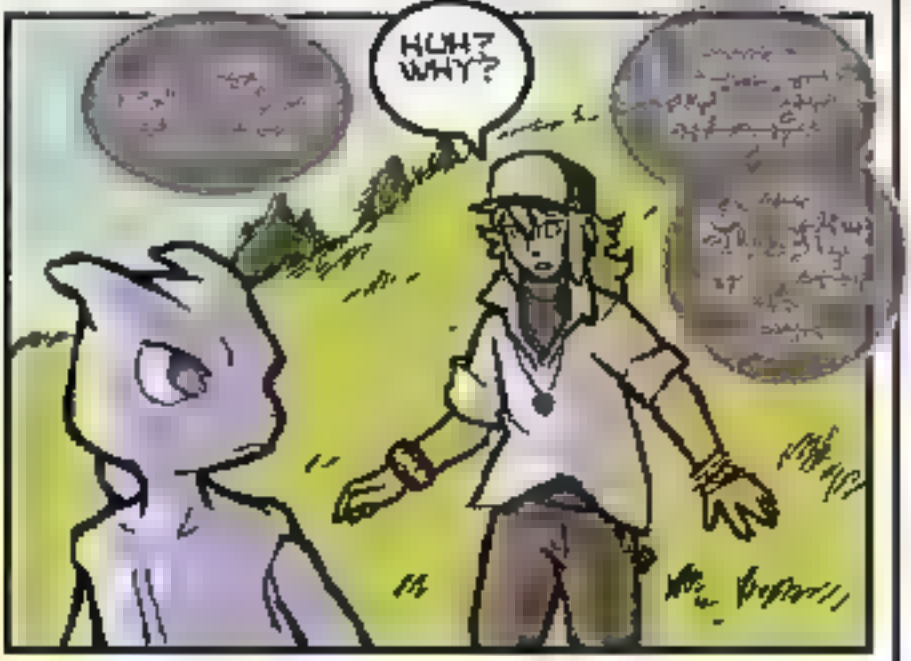
WHAT DID YOU BRING ME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE FOR THEN?

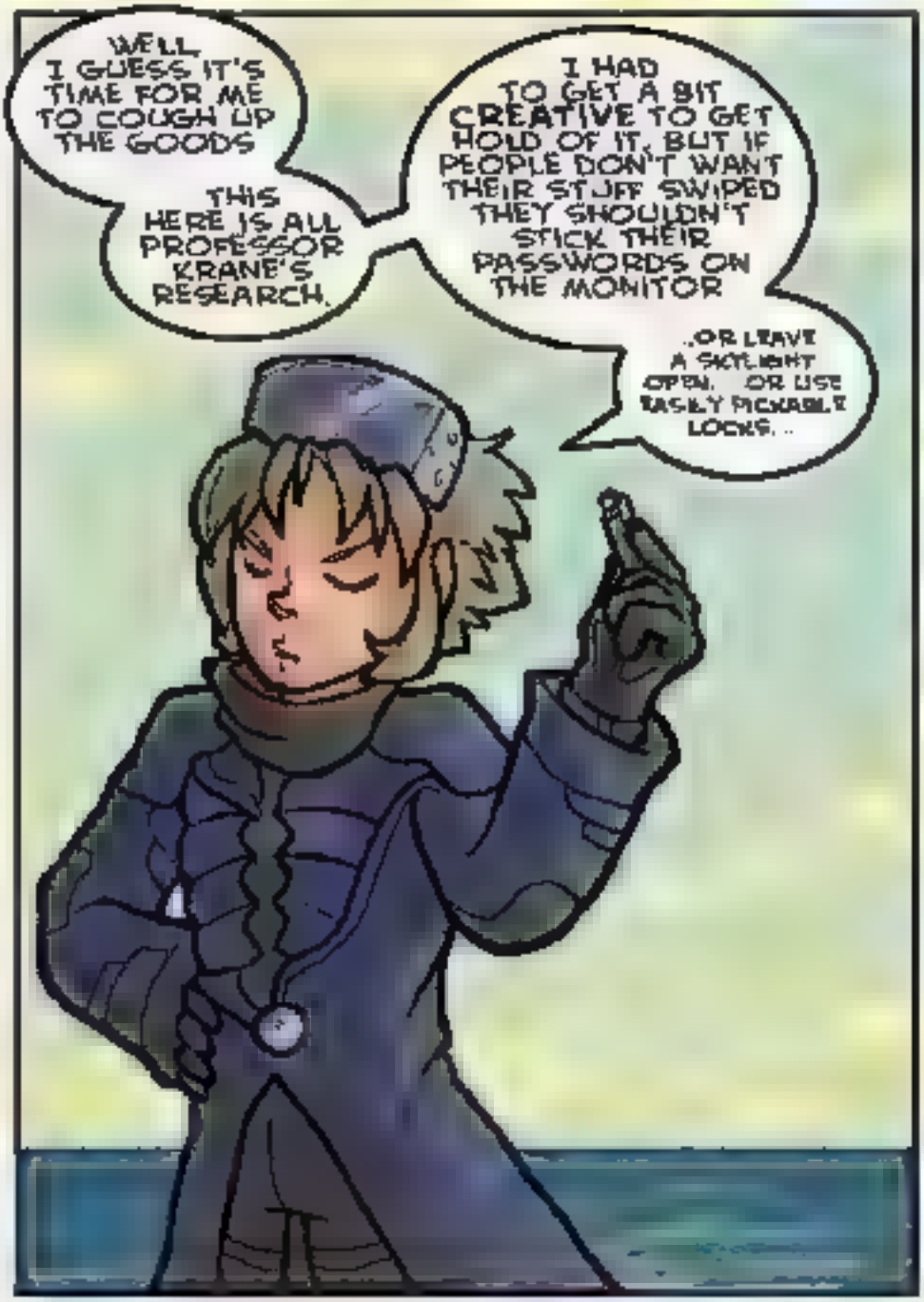

HAVEN'T SEEN ONE OF THEM BEFORE ME ANOTHER ONE OF YOURS?
HE'S HIS OWN --
SORRY, MATE
DIDN'T MEAN TO INSULT YOU THERE THIS IS ALL A BIT NEW TO ME
BUT
ANY FRIEND OF N'S... IS SOMEONE I'D LIKE TO GET TO KNOW
THE NAME'S WES


THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT? WHERE THE CLOUDS DON'T MATCH UP
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT, BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE NOTHING
WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT, THEN?
I DUNNO, AM I?
LOOK.
YOU KNEW THE MOMENT YOU SAW ME THAT I'VE BEEN A NAUGHTY BOY IN THE PAST.
RIGHT?
SO YOU DON'T TRUST ME.
MAKES SENSE. I WOULDN'T TRUST ME.
BUT THIS CIPHER STUFF IT'S NOT JUST BAD, IT'S EVIL.
IF THEY'VE KEPT AT IT, THEN YES I'M IN, BECAUSE I WOULD DEARLY LIKE TO GIVE THEM THE KICKING THEY DESERVE
I GOT YOU YOUR FILES ANY-WAY. IF YOU WANT, WE CAN QUIT HERE
BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT CIPHER CHICK WITHOUT MY HELP. I KNOW ORRE, AND I KNOW WHO TO TALK TO
SO YOU GONNA GIVE ME A CHANCE, OR SHALL I LEAVE YOU TO IT?


AND HIM
WHEN I FACED VICTIN... SHE TRIED TO MAKE ME INTO SOME-THING LIKE HER!
WAIT-- YOU MEAN THIS OTHER ONE CAN SPREAD THE SHADOW?
BY ITSELF?

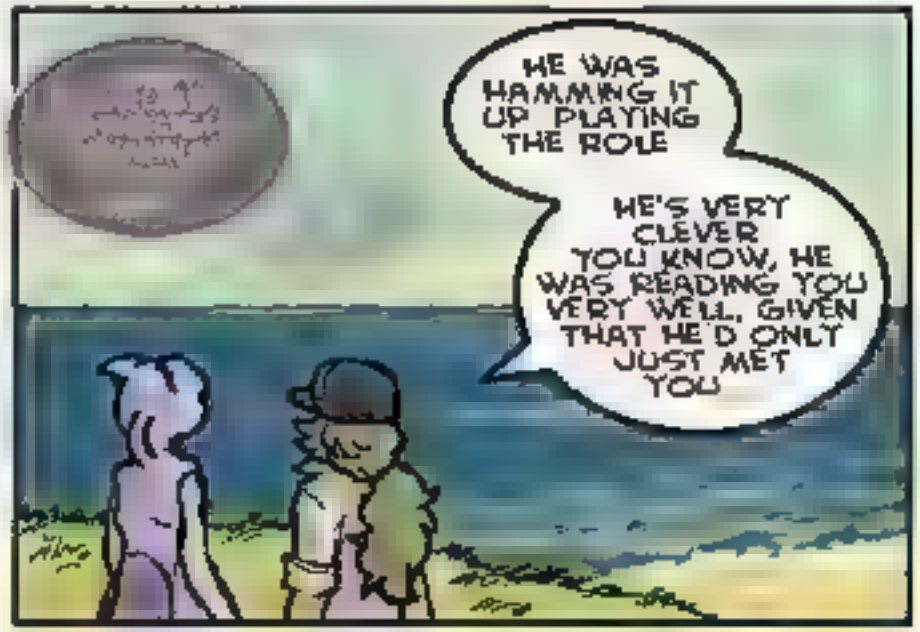

SO BASICALLY, WE'VE GOT TO FIND THIS LOVRINA
VICTINI
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN


HUH? WHY?

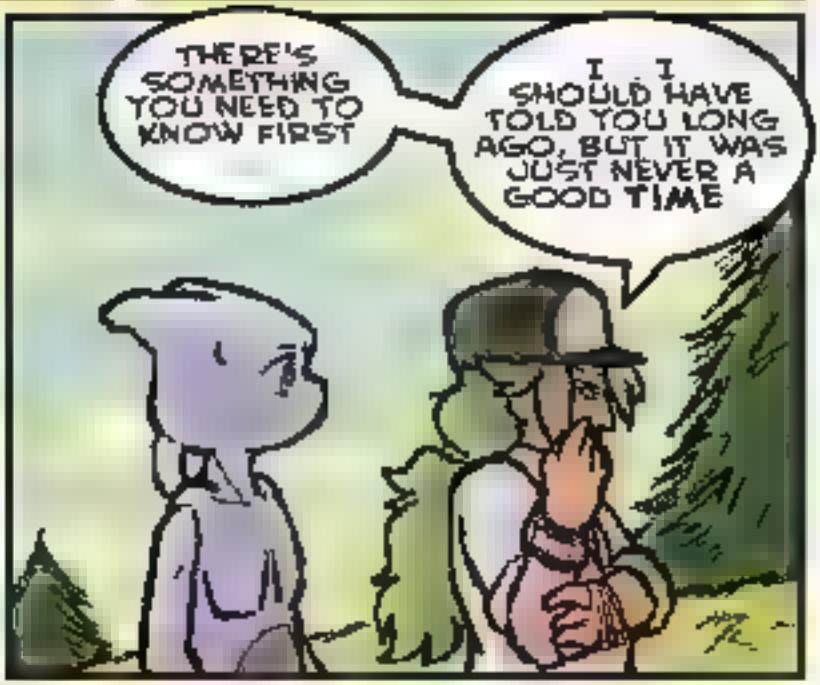

WELL, I GUESS IT'S TIME FOR ME TO COUGH UP THE GOODS
THIS HERE IS ALL PROFESSOR KRANE'S RESEARCH.
I HAD TO GET A BIT CREATIVE TO GET HOLD OF IT, BUT IF PEOPLE DON'T WANT THEIR STUFF SWIPED THEY SHOULDN'T STICK THEIR PASSWORDS ON THE MONITOR
..OR LEAVE A SKYLIGHT OPEN. OR USE EASILY PICKABLE LOCKS...

WES-!
WHAT?
LOOK, I WAS VERY DISCREET. HE NEVER KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT

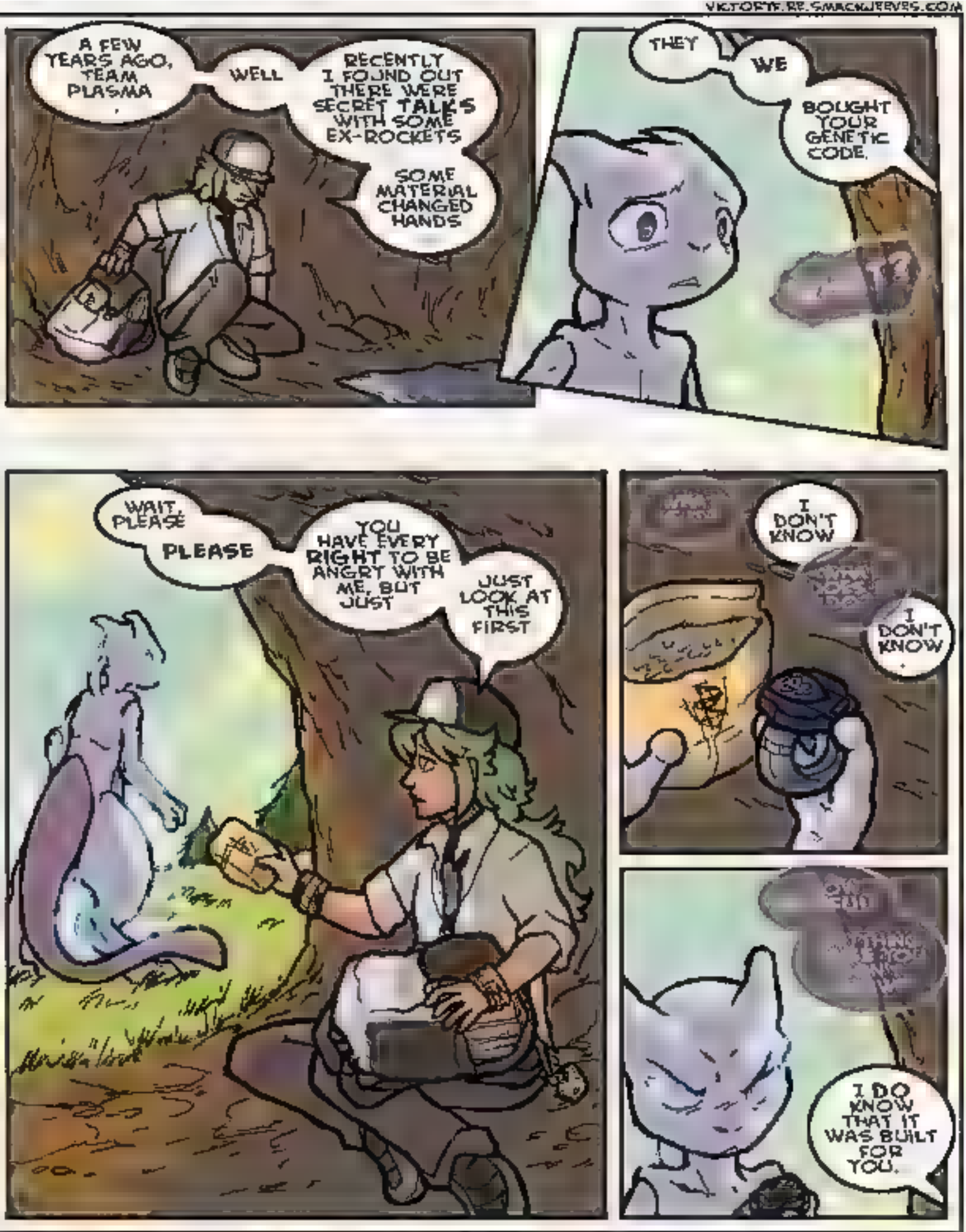
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THIS POKENAV NUMBER IS MINE. YEAH?
I DUNNO IF MEW-TWO HERE CAN USE A PHONE, BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT ONE, GET ONE

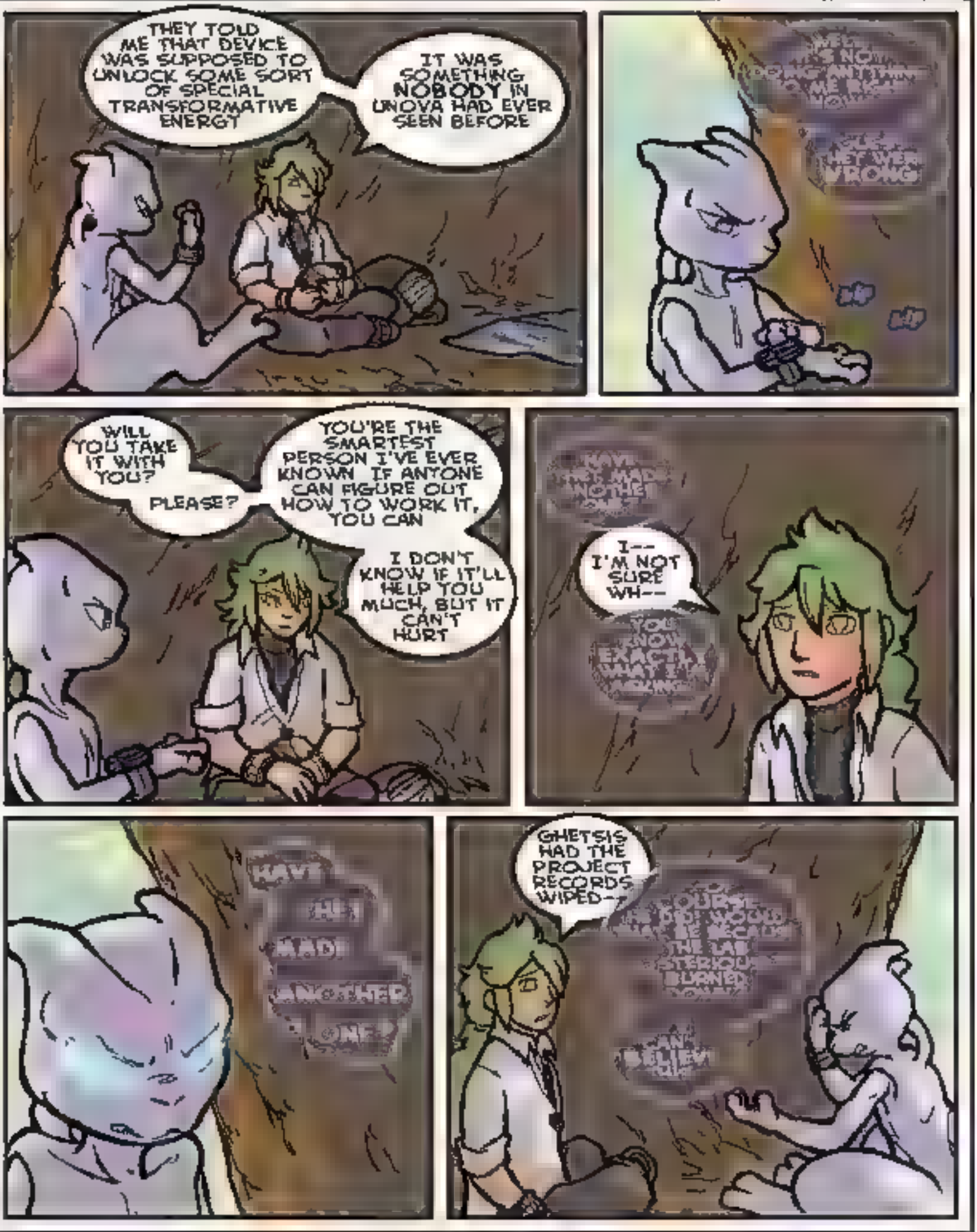

HE WAS HAMMING IT UP PLAYING THE ROLE
HE'S VERY CLEVER YOU KNOW, HE WAS READING YOU VERY WELL, GIVEN THAT HE'D ONLY JUST MET YOU

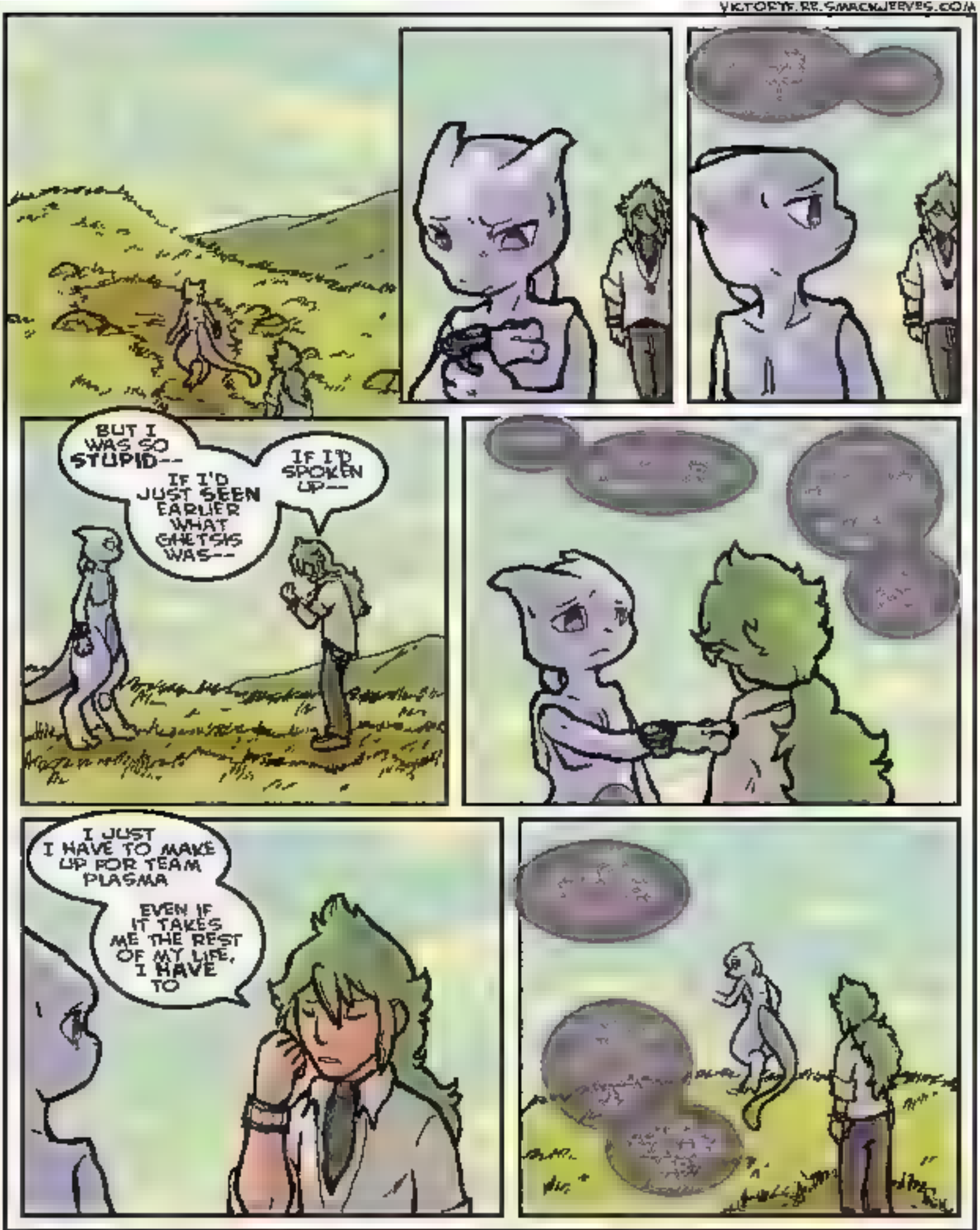
DID YOU LIKE HIM?


THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FIRST
I I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU LONG AGO, BUT IT WAS JUST NEVER A GOOD TIME

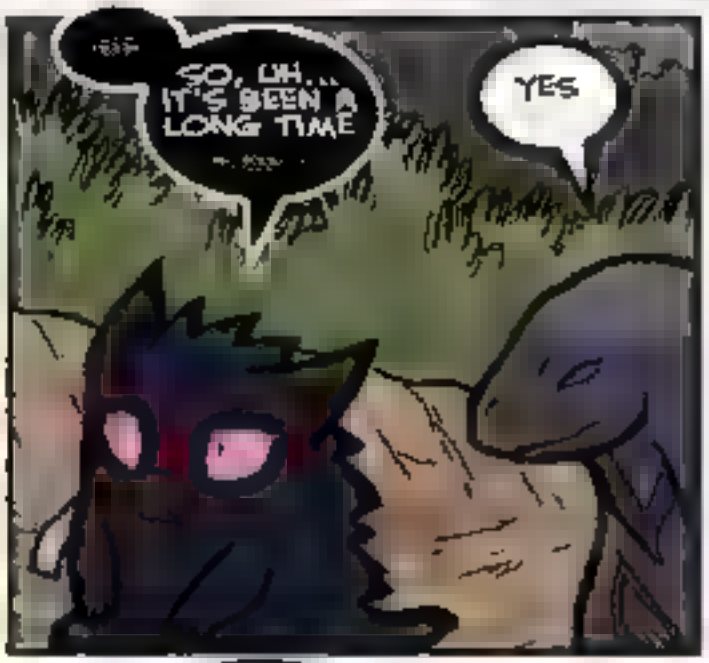
OKAY JUST PROMISE ME YOU WON'T FREAK OUT


A FEW YEARS AGO, TEAM PLASMA
WELL
RECENTLY I FOUND OUT THERE WERE SECRET TALKS WITH SOME EX-ROCKETS
SOME MATERIAL CHANGED HANDS
THEY
WE
BOUGHT YOUR GENETIC CODE.
WAIT, PLEASE
PLEASE
YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY WITH ME, BUT JUST
JUST LOOK AT THIS FIRST
I DON'T KNOW
I DON'T KNOW.
I DO KNOW THAT IT WAS BUILT FOR YOU.

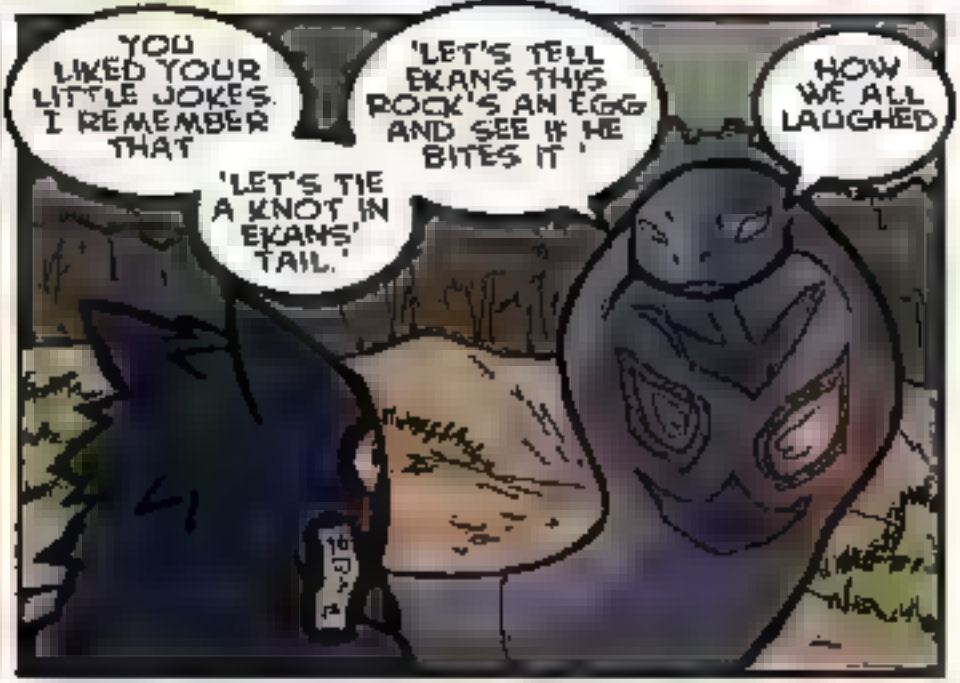

THEY TOLD ME THAT DEVICE WAS SUPPOSED TO UNLOCK SOME SORT OF SPECIAL TRANSFORMATIVE ENERGY
IT WAS SOMETHING NOBODY IN UNOVA HAD EVER SEEN BEFORE
WILL YOU TAKE IT WITH YOU?
PLEASE?
YOU'RE THE SMARTEST PERSON I'VE EVER KNOWN IF ANYONE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO WORK IT, YOU CAN
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL HELP YOU MUCH, BUT IT CAN'T HURT
I-- I'M NOT SURE WH--
GHETSIS HAD THE PROJECT RECORDS WIPED--?


BUT I WAS SO STUPID--
IF I'D JUST SEEN EARLIER WHAT GHETSIS WAS--
IF I'D SPOKEN UP--
I JUST I HAVE TO MAKE UP FOR TEAM PLASMA
EVEN IF IT TAKES ME THE REST OF MY LIFE, I HAVE TO

ALL RIGHT, TAKE TEN I'M GOING TO CHECK OUT THE TRAIL.
WATCH HIM, YOU TWO I DON'T WANT HIM MAKING A BREAK FOR IT.


SO, UH... IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME
YES

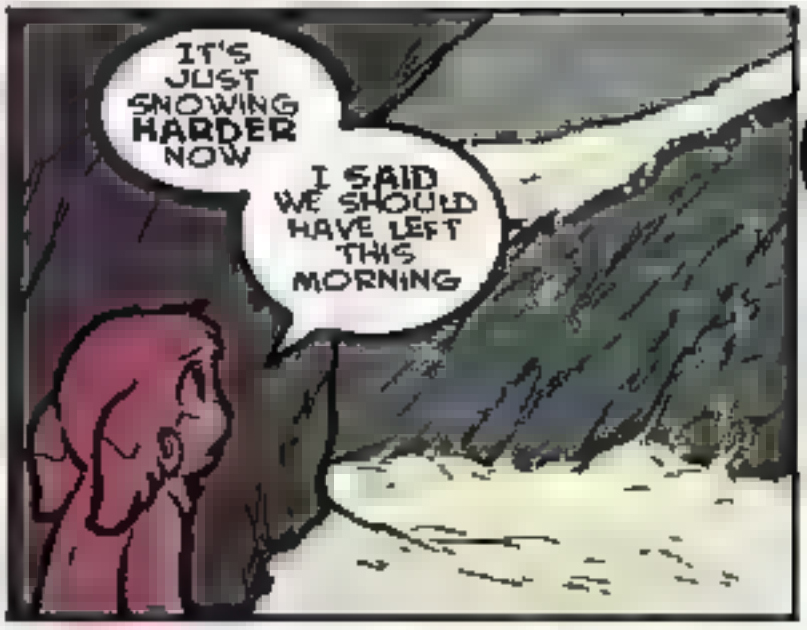
I REMEMBER TEAM MEANIES FONDLY...
WE HAD A LOT OF FUN, DIDN'T WE?
T-YEAH

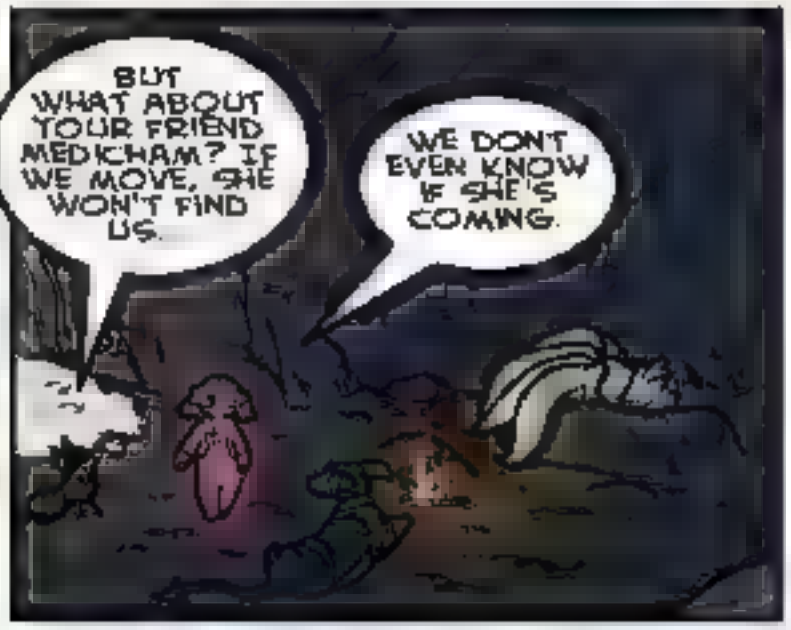

YOU LIKED YOUR LITTLE JOKES. I REMEMBER THAT
'LET'S TELL EKANS THIS ROCK'S AN EGG AND SEE IF HE BITES IT'
HOW WE ALL LAUGHED
'LET'S TIE A KNOT IN EKANS' TAIL.'

AND YET IT'S ODD BECAUSE WHEN I BECAME ARBOK, AND LOOKED BACK...
YOUR LITTLE JOKES DIDN'T SEEM SO FUNNY ANY MORE

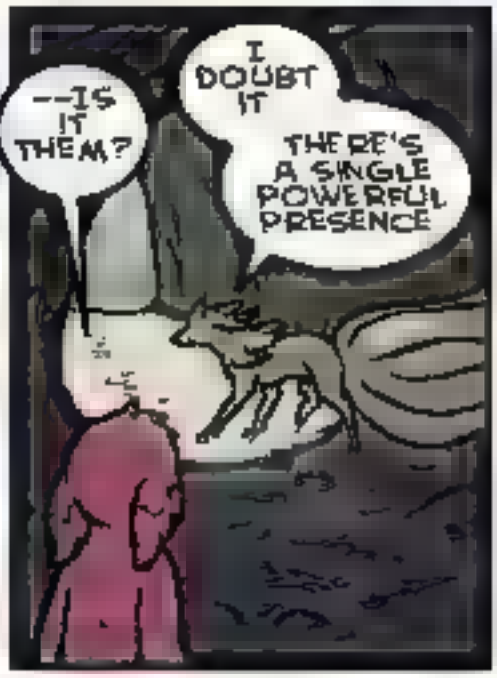
DON'T TRY TO APPEAL TO MY BETTER NATURE, GENGAR WHERE YOU'RE CONCERNED, I HAVEN'T GOT ONE
AND IF YOU TALK TO ME AGAIN, I'LL BITE YOU.

HISS


IT'S JUST SNOWING HARDER NOW
I SAID WE SHOULD HAVE LEFT THIS MORNING

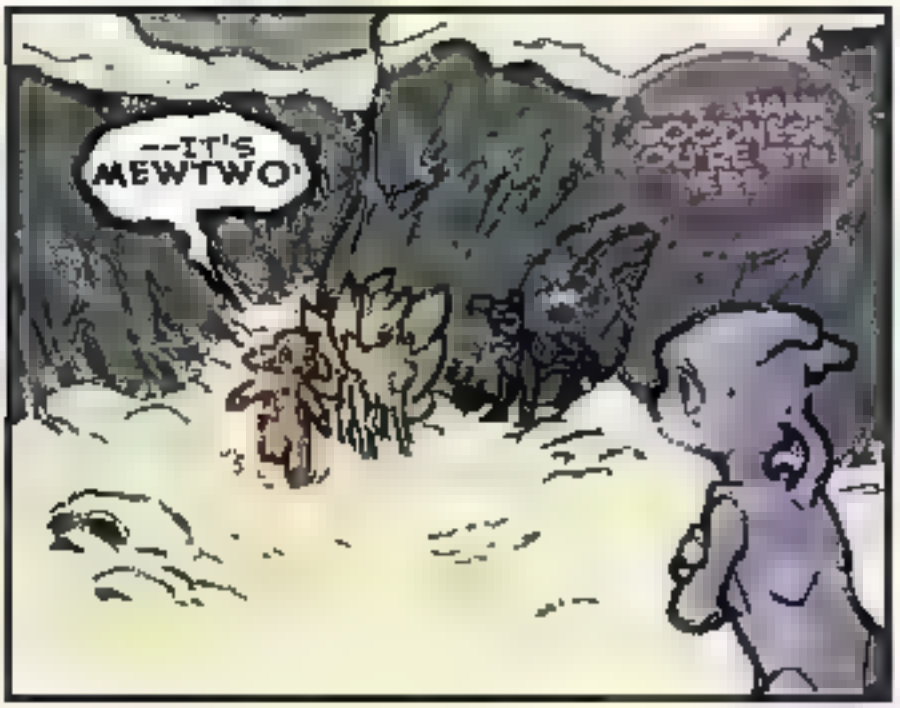

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIEND MEDICHAM? IF WE MOVE, SHE WON'T FIND US.
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF SHE'S COMING.

HNH?
SOME-THING IS COMING


--IS IT THEM?
I DOUBT IT
THERE'S A SINGLE POWERFUL PRESENCE

NOT EVEN TRYING TO CONCEAL ITSELF
STAY BACK.

COME NO FURTHER!
WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS HERE?


--IT'S MEWTWO!

YOU'VE GOT ONE HECK OF A BRUISE BACK THERE. WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
I HAD MY HEAD ON THE GROUND

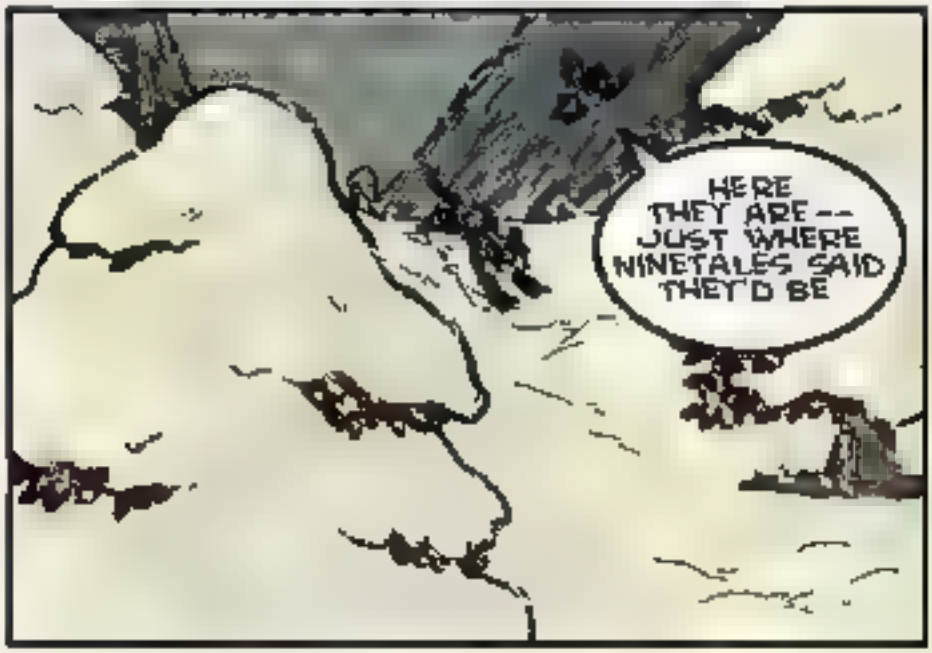
WHO WON? THE GROUND, OR YOUR HEAD?
pffk!

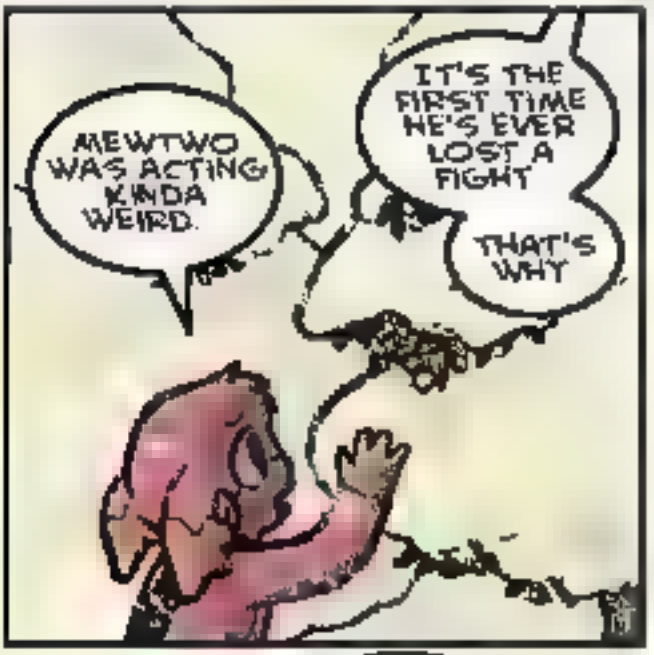
DON'T TEASE ME
I'VE HAD A HORRIBLE DAY

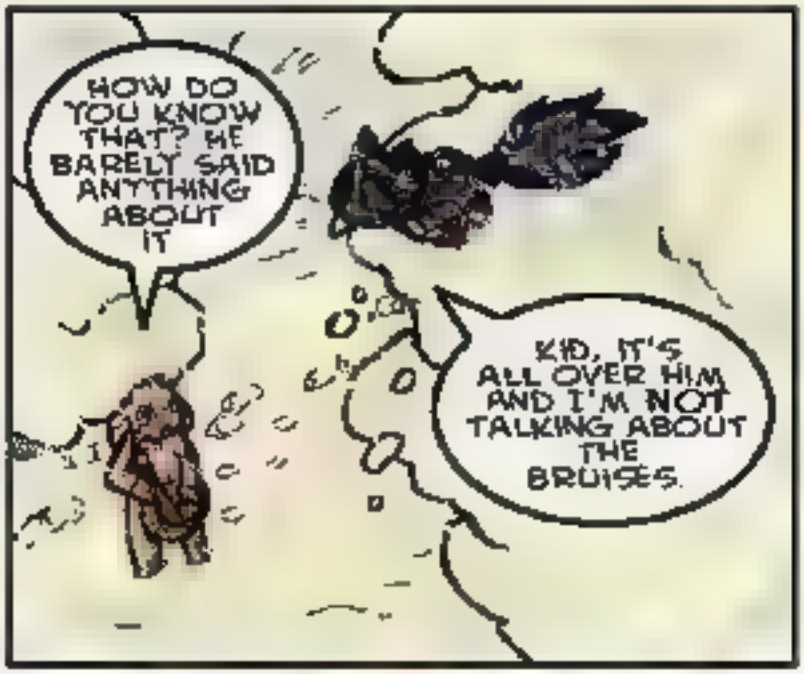
WHY AM I SO MESSED UP I'M MADE OF METAL
I CAN JUST DEFROST A LITTLE, I'LL GO ON AFTER THEM
MAYBE I CAN STILL CATCH UP

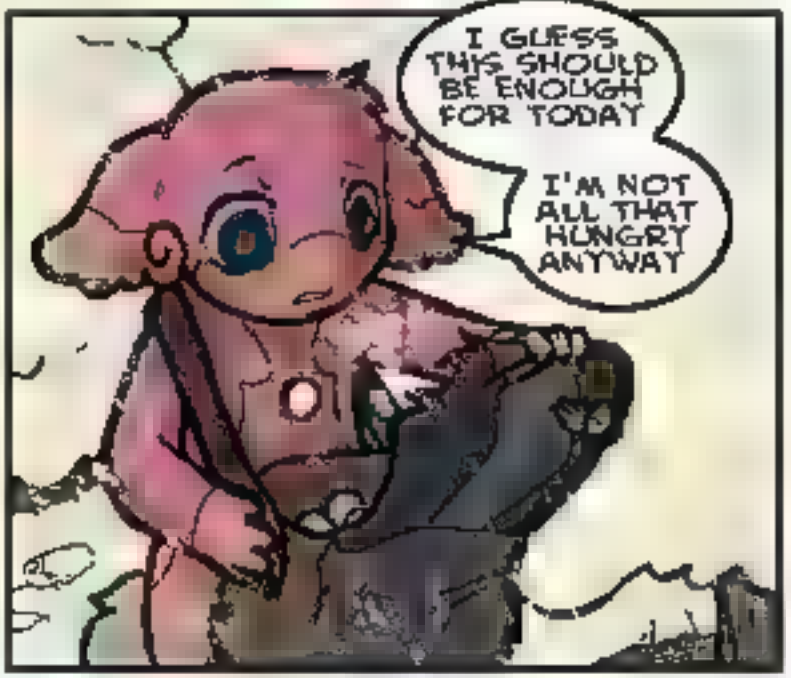
THAT WOULD BE VERY UNWISE

DO YOU THINK I'M INCAPABLE OF FIGHTING A WEAVIL?
I THINK THAT YOU ARE VISIBLY EXHAUSTED
YOU NEED REST WAIT FOR THE RESCUE TEAM


HERE THEY ARE -- JUST WHERE NINETALES SAID THEY'D BE


MEWTWO WAS ACTING KINDA WEIRD.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME HE'S EVER LOST A FIGHT
THAT'S WHY


HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT? HE BARELY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT
KID, IT'S ALL OVER HIM AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE BRUISES.


I GUESS THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR TODAY
I'M NOT ALL THAT HUNGRY ANYWAY

BRR-H-H

--HEY!

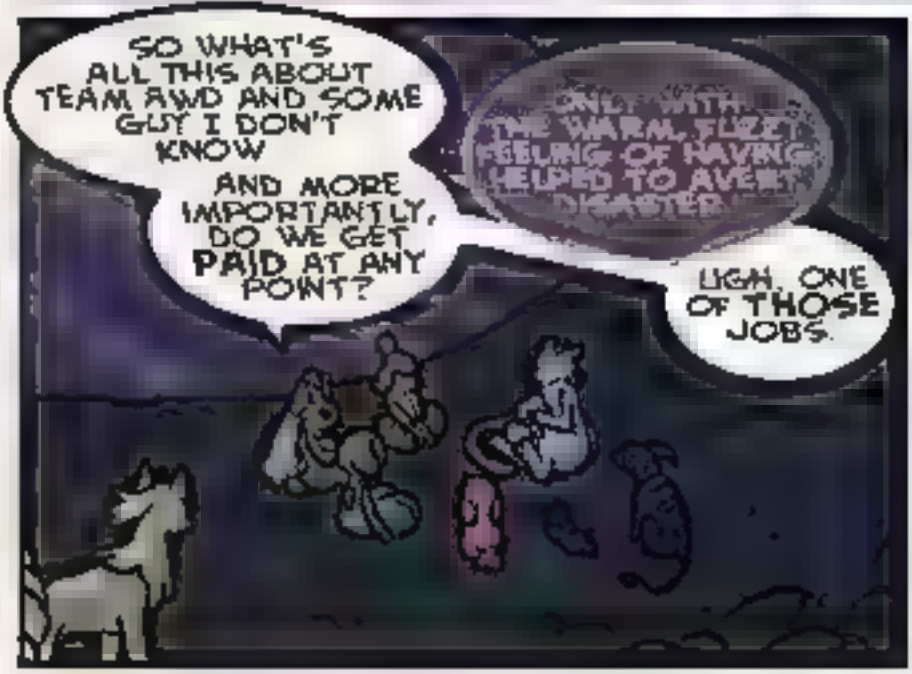
IS THAT THEM?

LOOKS QUITE SWEET LIKE THAT, DOESN'T HE?
ALMOST HARMLESS

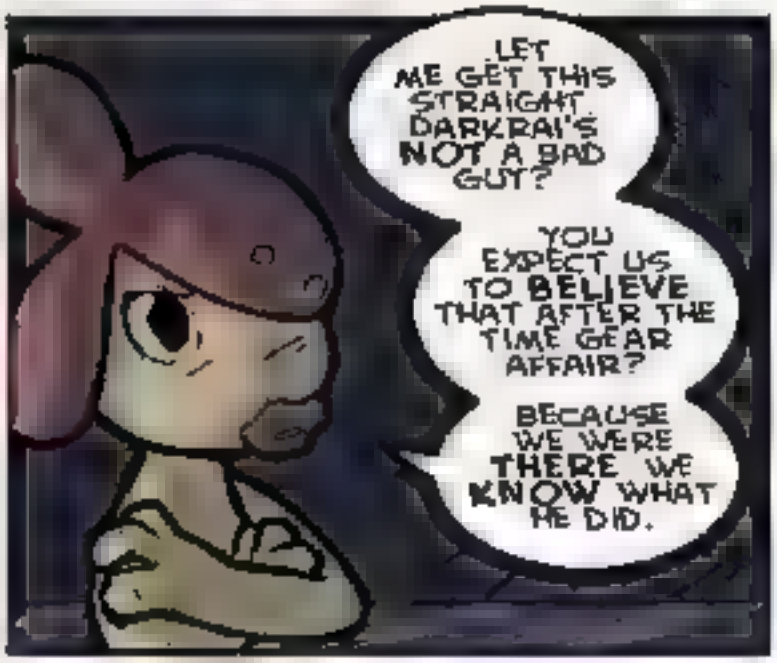
UM, I DON'T WANT TO WAKE HIM. HE MIGHT GET MAD..
SHALL I JUST POKE HIM THEN?

I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND IT.

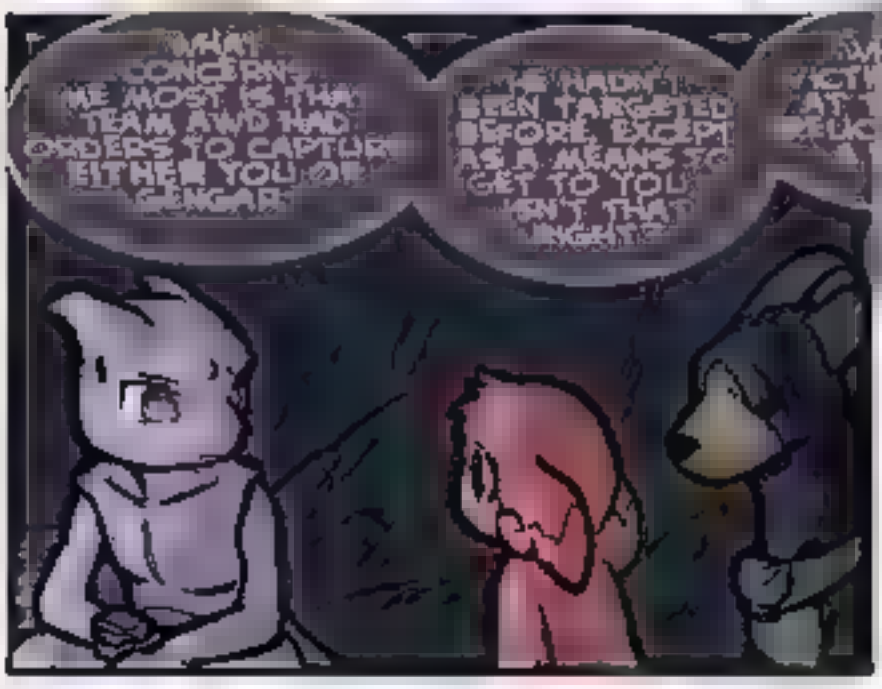
TAKE IT YOU'RE THE RESCUE TEAM.
WE'RE NOT A RESCUE TEAM. WE'RE EXPLORERS AND WE'RE HERE AS A FAVOR TO OUR TEAM-MATE.
WHO TOTALLY SUCKS FOR DRAGGING US UP THIS MOUNTAIN


SO WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT TEAM AWD AND SOME GUY I DON'T KNOW
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, DO WE GET PAID AT ANY POINT?
ONLY WITH THE WARM, FUZZY FEELING OF HAVING HELPED TO AVERT DISASTER
UGH. ONE OF THOSE JOBS.

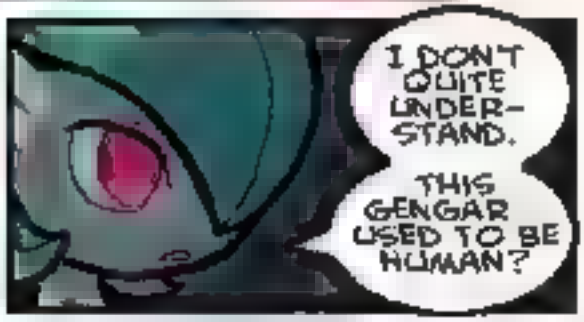
AH, WHAT THE HECK. DESTINY TOWER WAS A WASHOUT ANYWAY
WHERE DO WE GO, WHO DO WE PUNCH?

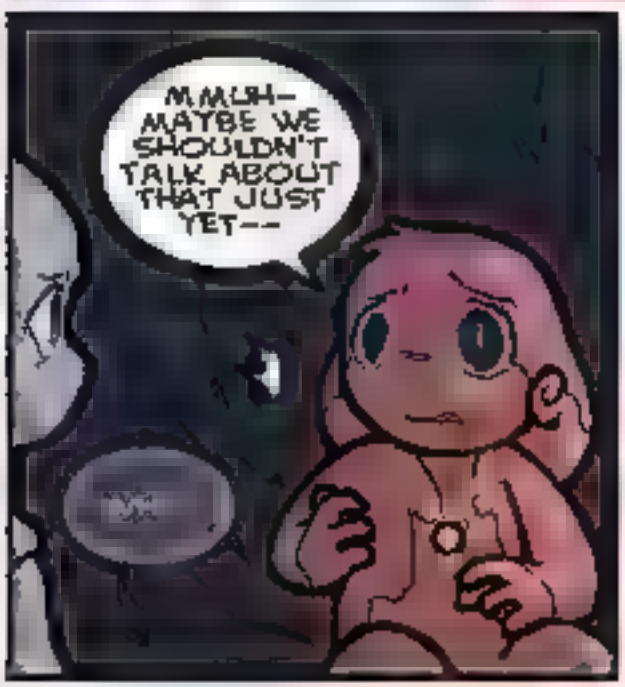

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. DARKRAI'S NOT A BAD GUY?
YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT AFTER THE TIME GEAR AFFAIR?
BECAUSE WE WERE THERE WE KNOW WHAT HE DID.

IN THIS CASE, HE IS NOT AT FAULT.
THE REAL PERPETRATOR HAS KEPT HER IDENTITY HIDDEN AND USED HIM AS A SHIELD.
WHATEVER HIS PAST CRIMES, I FEEL THAT IS UNFAIR TO HOLD AGAINST HIM.

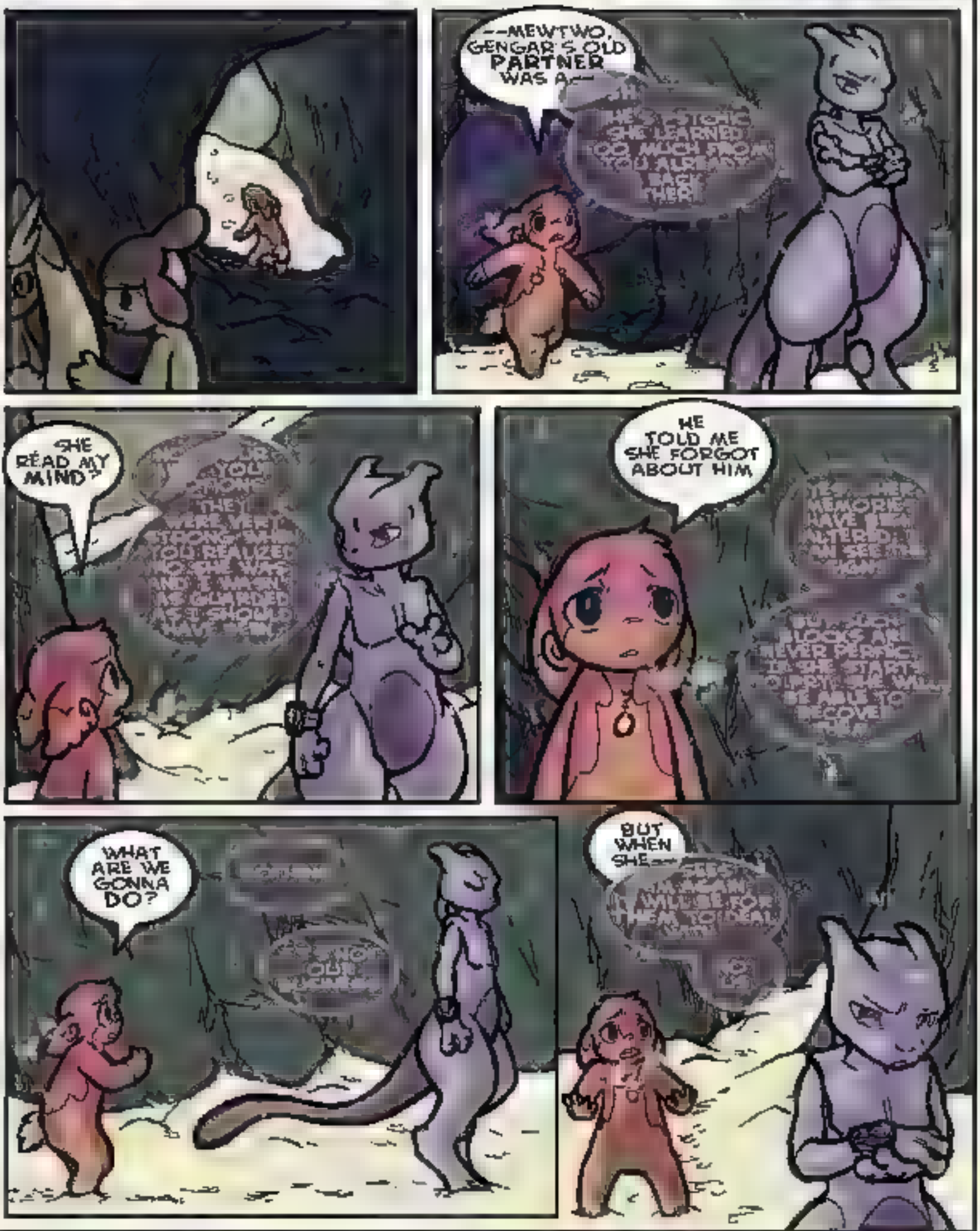

WHAT CONCERNS ME MOST IS THAT TEAM AWD HAD ORDERS TO CAPTURE EITHER YOU OR GENGAR.
HE HADN'T BEEN TARGETED BEFORE, EXCEPT AS A MEANS TO GET TO YOU. DON'T THAT SEEM RIGHT?

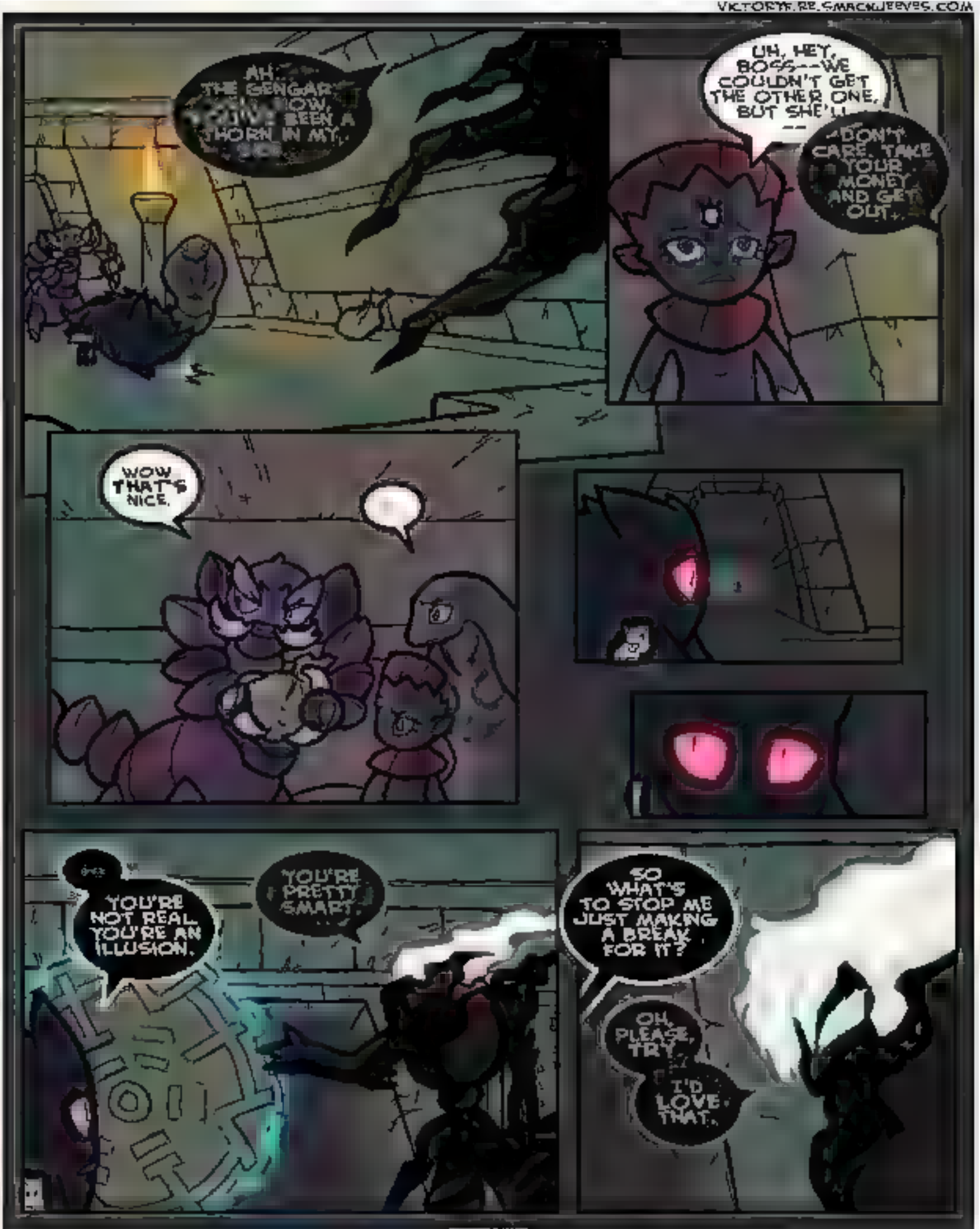
SO WHATEVER VICTINI IS DOING AT THE BURIED RELIC SHE NEEDS A HUMAN.
AND SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT HIM.


I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND.
THIS GENGAR USED TO BE HUMAN?

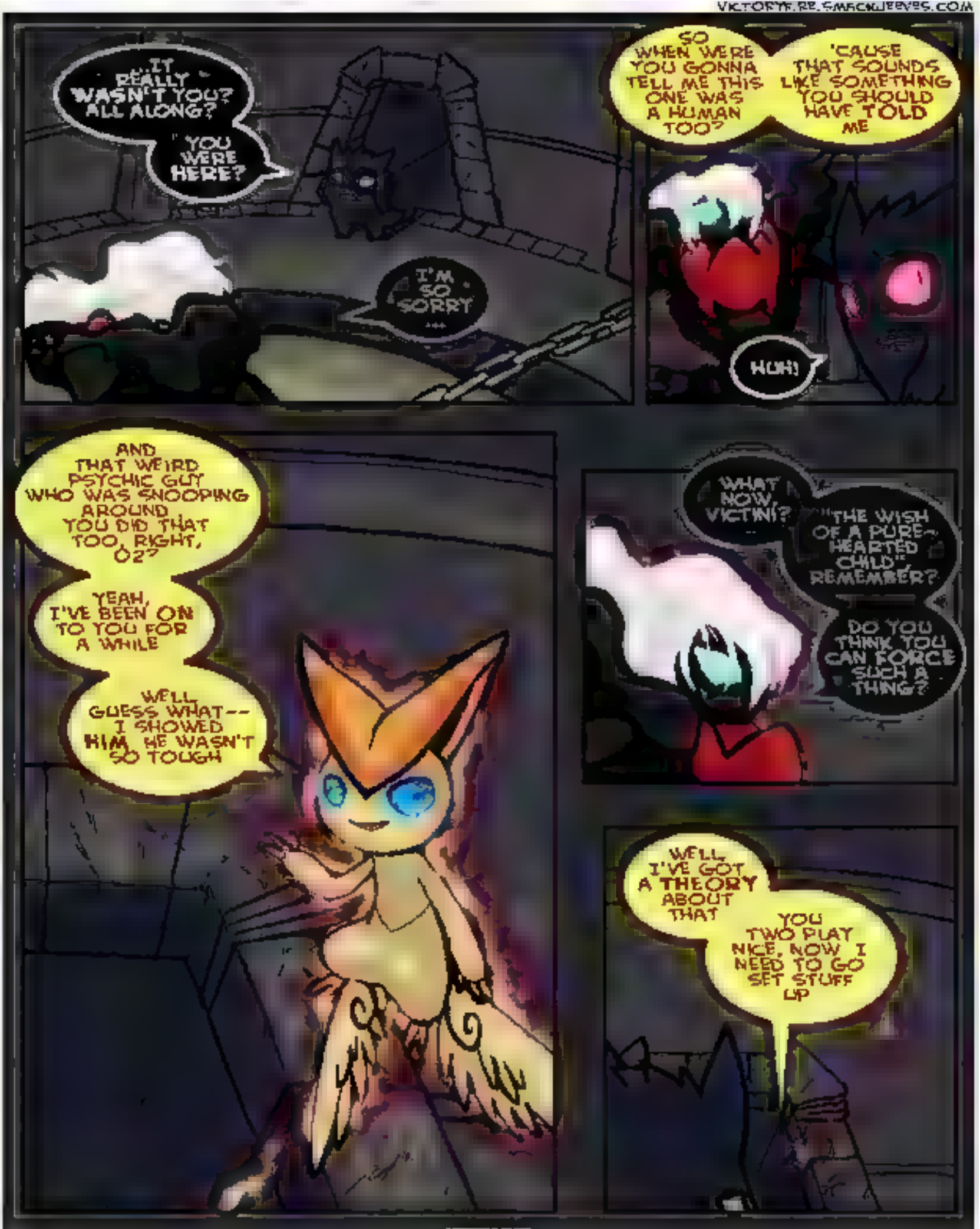

MMUH- MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT THAT JUST YET--
UM

SHE'S RIGHT.
THAT MATTER HAS NO BEARING ON THE SITUATION SAVE TO EXPLAIN VICTINI'S INTEREST IN OUR FRIEND.
ANYWAY, THIS IS A RESCUE MISSION. I MEAN TO LEAVE FOR THE BURIED RELIC AT DAWN. IF YOU'RE STILL WILLING TO HELP.

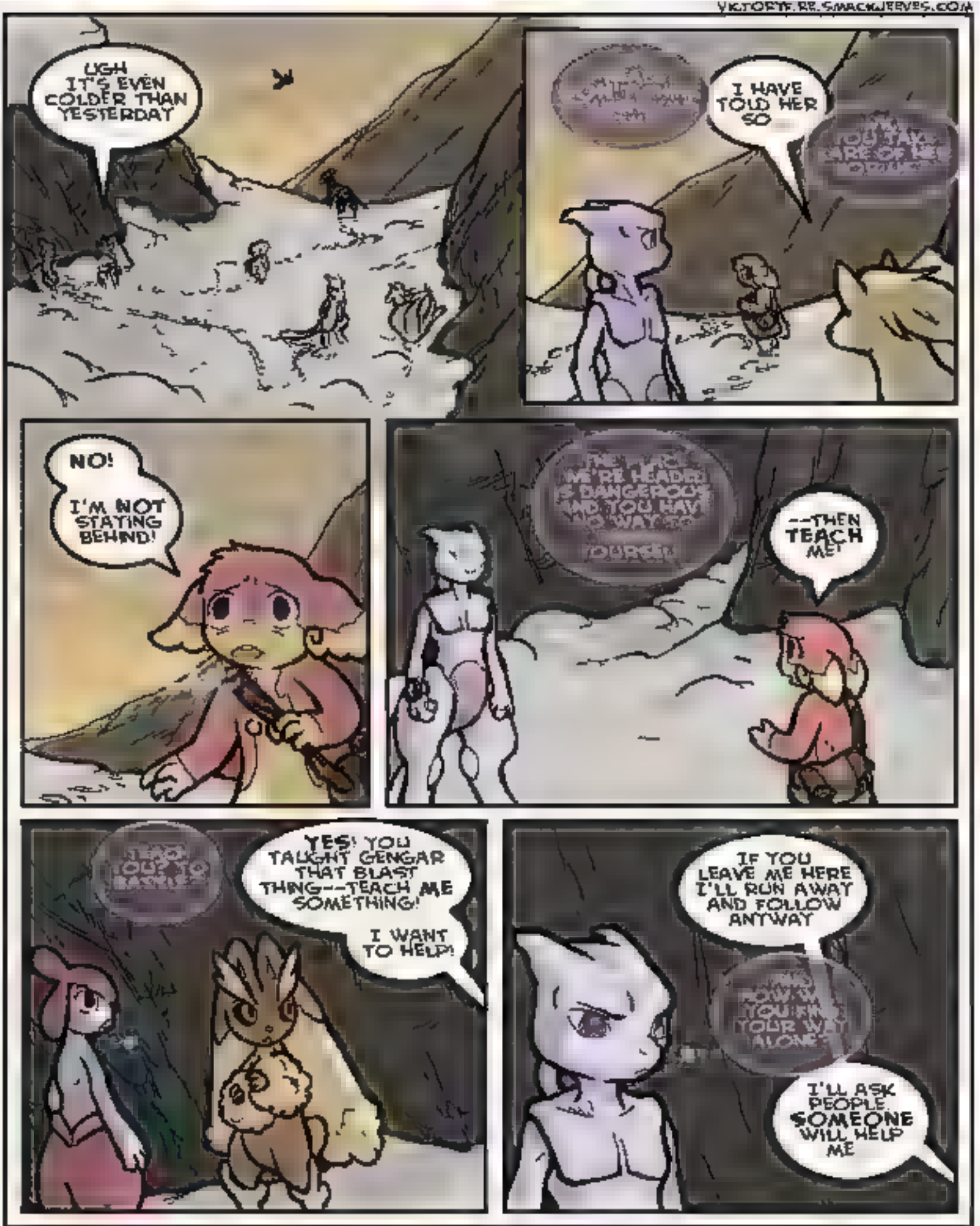

--MEWTWO, GENGAR'S OLD PARTNER WAS A--
SHE'S STOIC SHE LEARNED TOO MUCH FROM YOU ALREADY BACK THERE
SHE READ MY MIND?
HE TOLD ME SHE FORGOT ABOUT HIM
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
BUT WHEN SHE--


AH... THE GENGAR. NOW, BEEN A THORN IN MY SIDE.
UH, HEY, BOSS--WE COULDN'T GET THE OTHER ONE, BUT SHE'LL--
DON'T CARE. TAKE YOUR MONEY AND GET OUT.
WOW THAT'S NICE.
YOU'RE NOT REAL. YOU'RE AN ILLUSION.
YOU'RE PRETTY SMART.
SO WHAT'S TO STOP ME JUST MAKING A BREAK FOR IT?
OH, PLEASE, TRY.
I'D LOVE THAT.

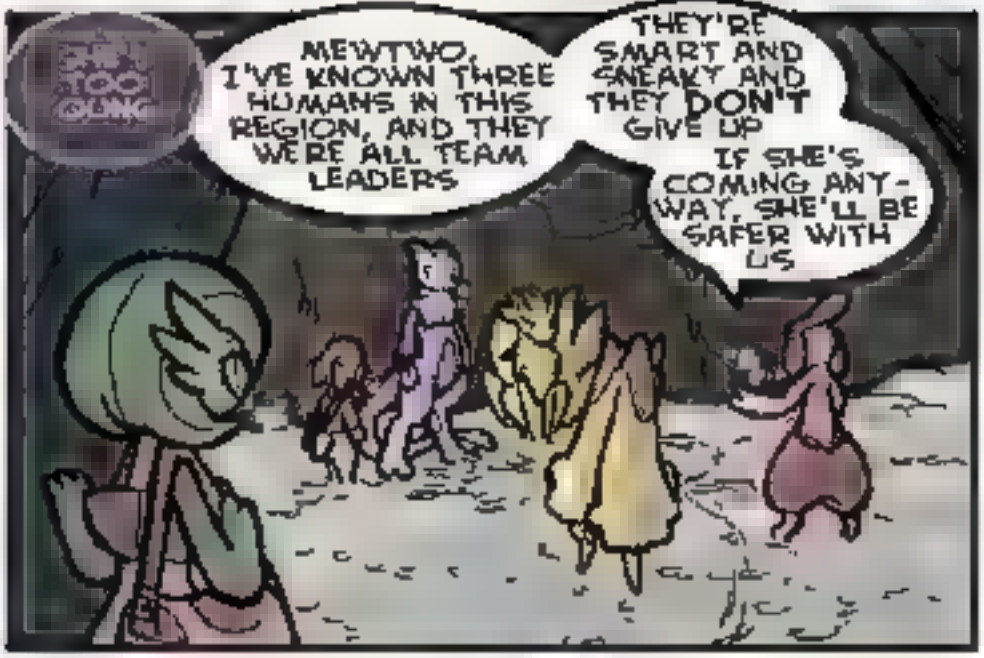
MOVE.
I'M NOT WALKING THIS THING ALL THE WAY DOWN
HET-
OW...
I DON'T GET IT. IT'S JUST PAPER... BUT IT'S STUCK LIKE STEEL...
DOWN THERE, I GUESS?

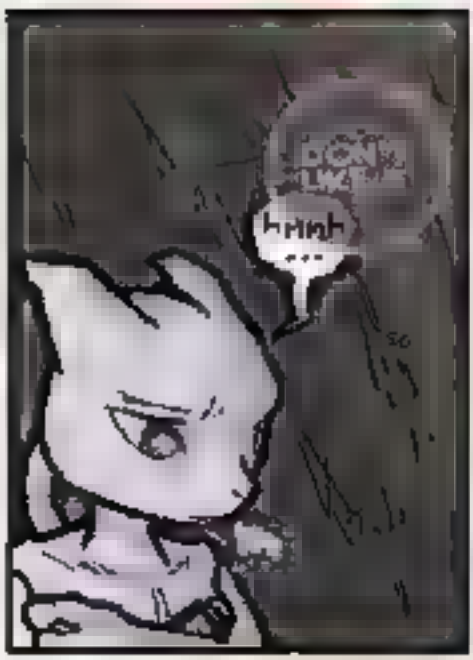

IT REALLY WASN'T YOU? ALL ALONG?
YOU WERE HERE?
I'M SO SORRY
SO WHEN WERE YOU GONNA TELL ME THIS ONE WAS A HUMAN TOO?
'CAUSE THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME
HUH!
AND THAT WEIRD PSYCHIC GUY WHO WAS SNOOPING AROUND YOU DID THAT TOO, RIGHT, O2?
YEAH, I'VE BEEN ON TO YOU FOR A WHILE
WELL, GUESS WHAT-- I SHOWED HIM, HE WASN'T SO TOUGH
WHAT NOW, VICTINI?
"THE WISH OF A PURE-HEARTED CHILD" REMEMBER?
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FORCE SUCH A THING?
WELL, I'VE GOT A THEORY ABOUT THAT
YOU TWO PLAY NICE, NOW I NEED TO GO SET STUFF UP

THAT GLOW— AURA— IT WAS SICK!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
IT—
IT WAS ON YOU, TOO...
...AW, NO...
PLEASE
DON'T DO THAT...
...DARKRAI. LISTEN TO ME.
SHE WON'T HAVE IT ALL HER OWN WAY FOR MUCH LONGER.
THE TRUTH IS GETTING OUT, OKAY?
MY FRIENDS KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE, AND THEY'LL COME.
THEY'LL HELP US.
THERE'S NO HOPE...
THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE.


UGH IT'S EVEN COLDER THAN YESTERDAY
I HAVE TOLD HER SO
NO! I'M NOT STAYING BEHIND!
--THEN TEACH ME!
YES! YOU TAUGHT GENGAR THAT BLAST THING--TEACH ME SOMETHING! I WANT TO HELP!
IF YOU LEAVE ME HERE I'LL RUN AWAY AND FOLLOW ANYWAY
I'LL ASK PEOPLE SOMEONE WILL HELP ME

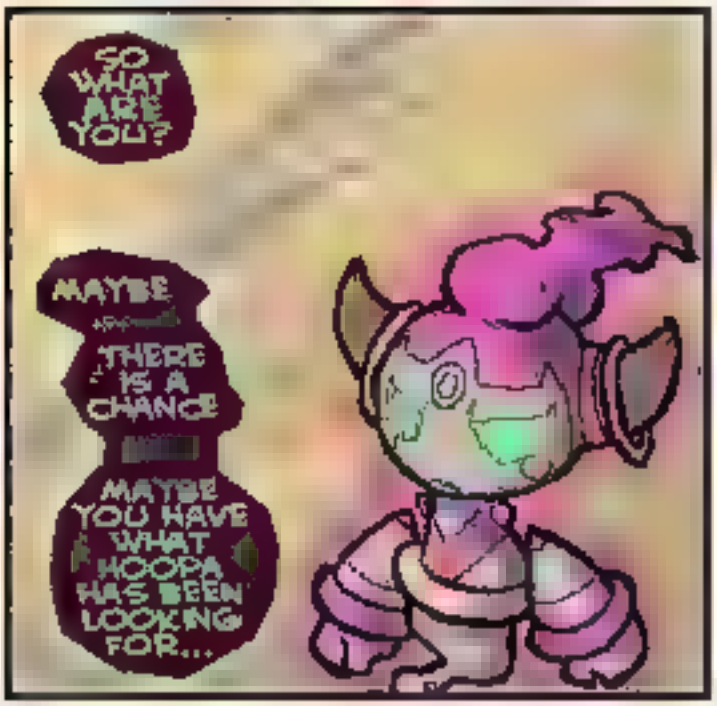
AW, WHY NOT? BRING HER ALONG.


MEWTWO, I'VE KNOWN THREE HUMANS IN THIS REGION, AND THEY WERE ALL TEAM LEADERS
THEY'RE SMART AND SNEAKY AND THEY DON'T GIVE UP
IF SHE'S COMING ANY-WAY, SHE'LL BE SAFER WITH US

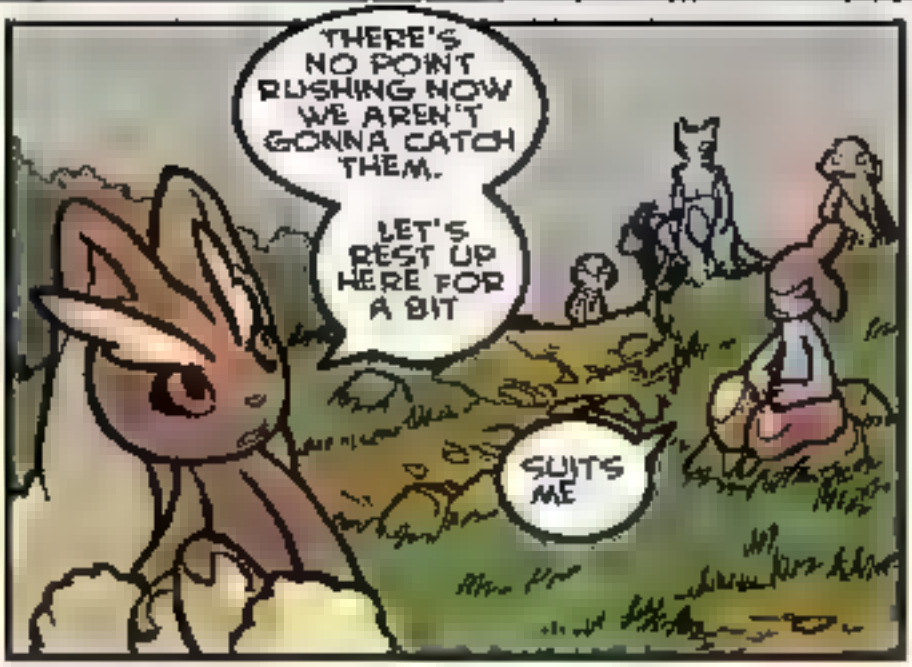

DON'T LIKE
HMMH ...

EVERYONE READY?
COME ON THEN IF YOU'RE DETERMINED TO COME

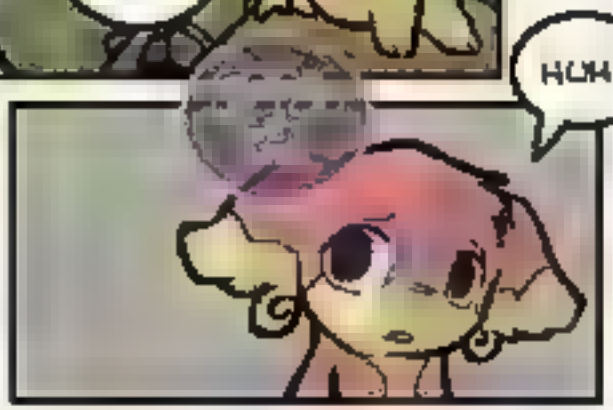
HRMM... "MEW-TWO"
ARE YOU OF THE FAMILY OR NOT? YOU HAVE THE LOOK... AND THE POWER, OHH THERE'S POWER.
BUT YOUR AURA SAYS YOU'RE MORTAL.
HOOPA FEELS IT.


SO WHAT ARE YOU?
MAYBE
THERE IS A CHANCE
MAYBE YOU HAVE WHAT HOOPA HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR...

YEP. TEAM AWD MAYBE A DAY AGO.
YOU'VE GOT A GOOD NOSE, HOUNDOOM


THERE'S NO POINT RUSHING NOW WE AREN'T GONNA CATCH THEM.
LET'S REST UP HERE FOR A BIT
SUITS ME

I'M OKAY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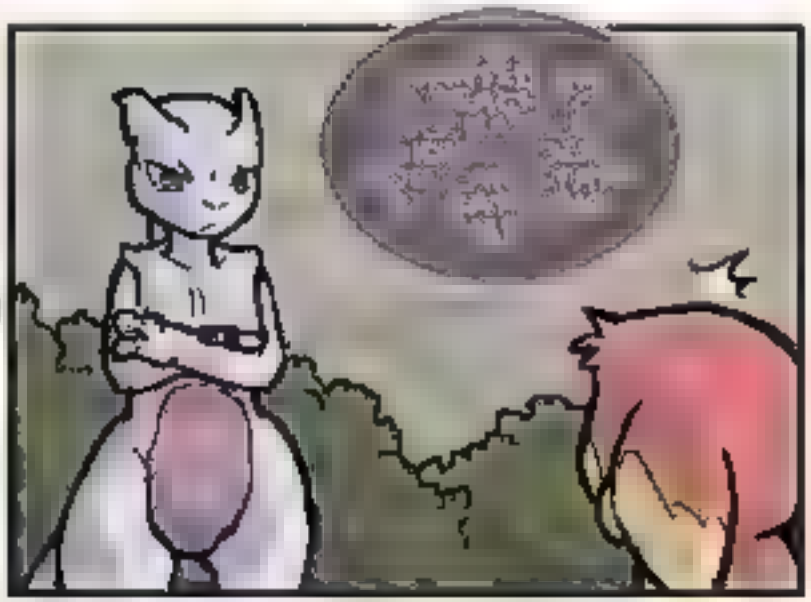
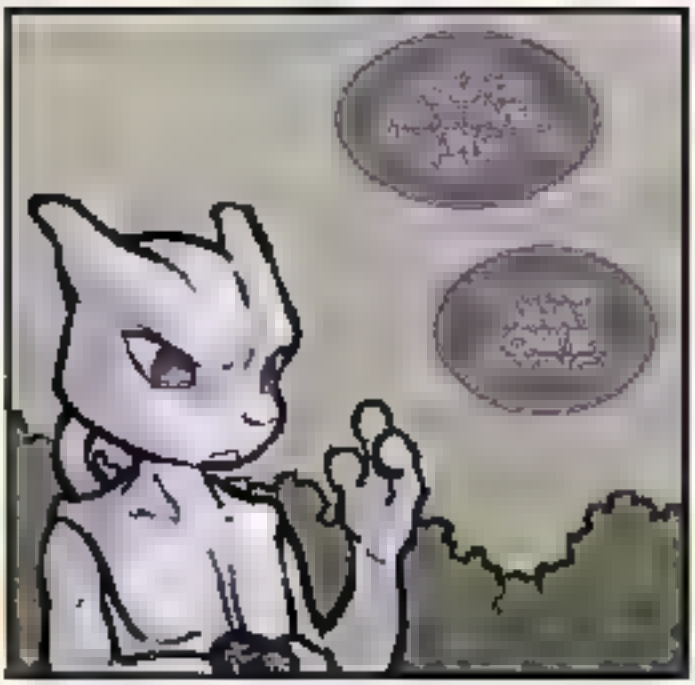
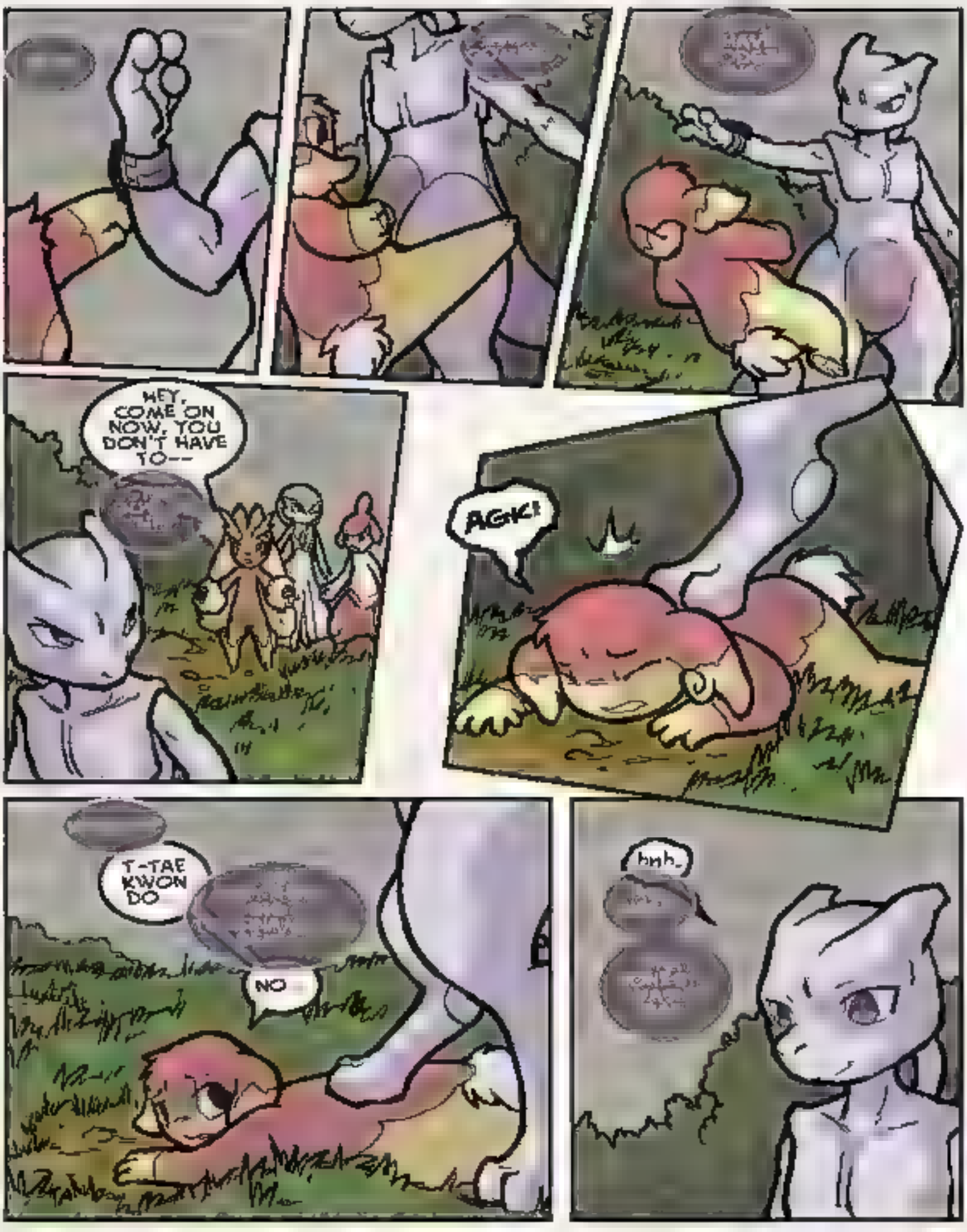


I-- I CAN'T FIGHT YOU! YOU'RE WAY STRONGER THAN ME --!



heh.
TAAH-!


HEY, COME ON NOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO--
AGK!
T-TAE KWON DO
NO
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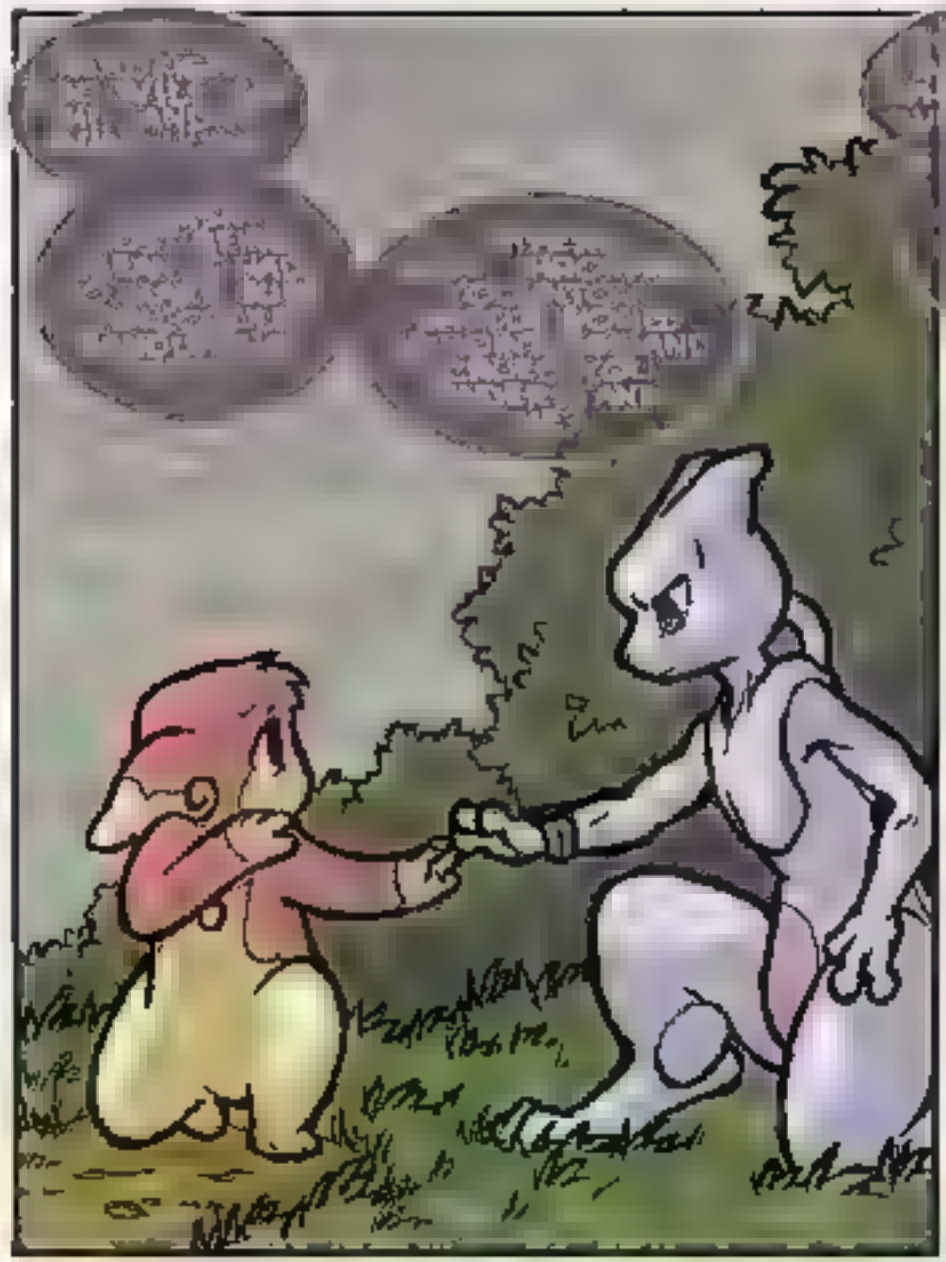
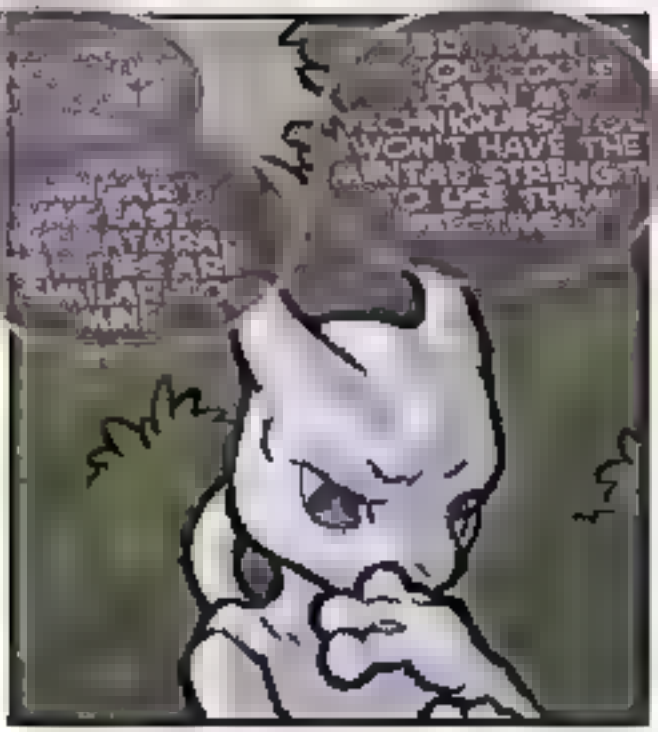
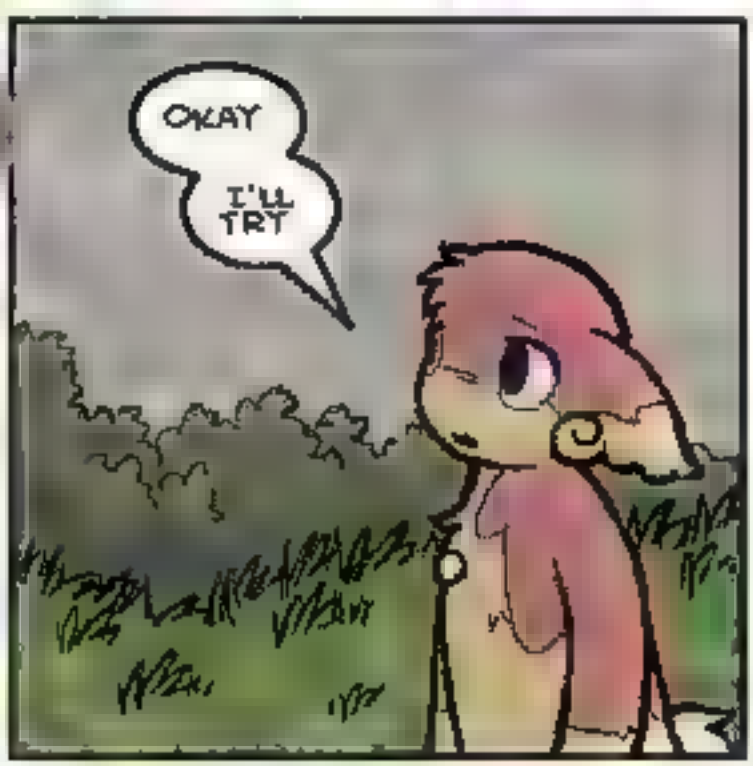


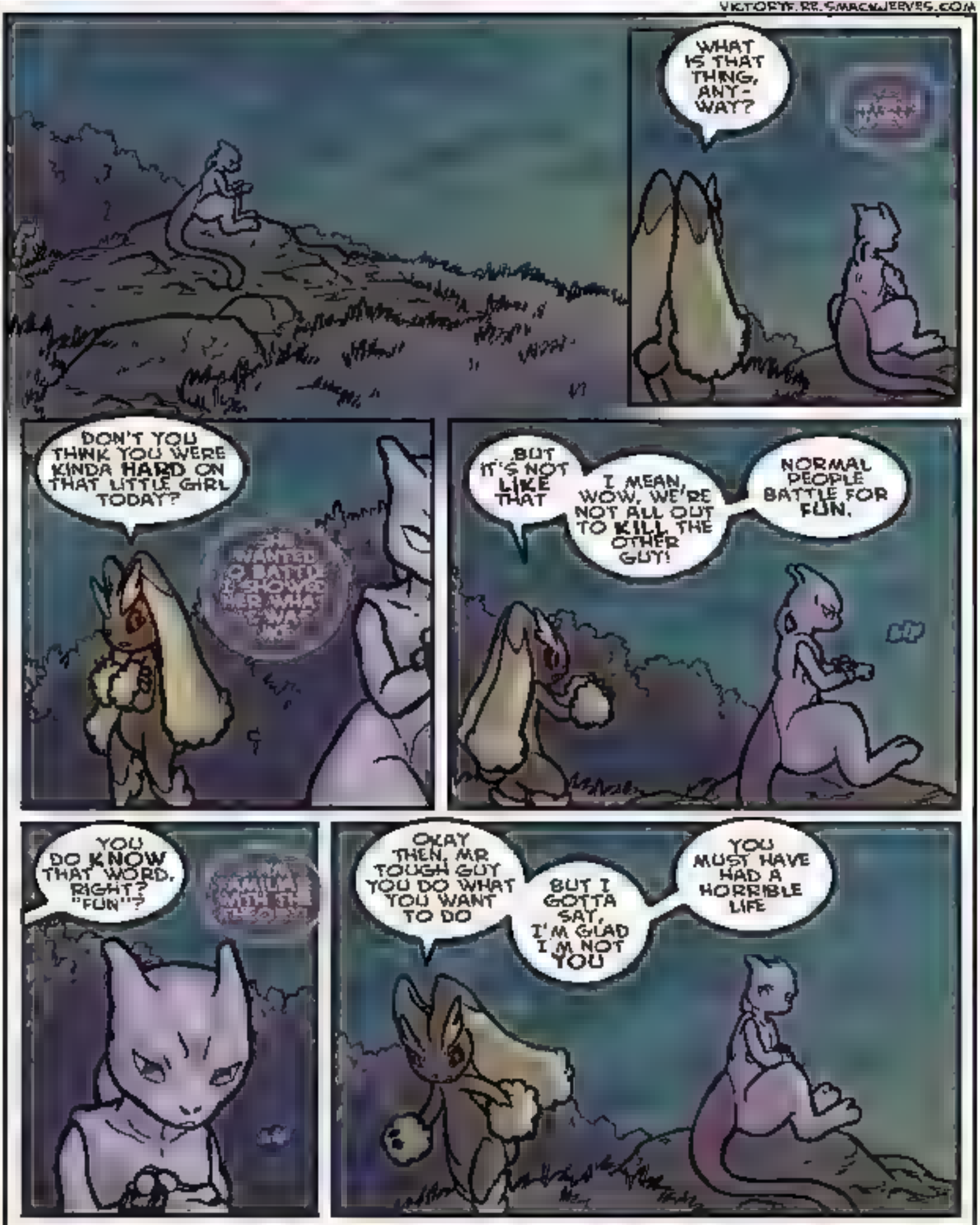

BECAUSE OF THEIR SIZE AND CONSTRUCTION, THEY WON'T HAVE THE GIANT STRENGTH TO USE THEM

EXCUSE ME.
I THINK I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP

HER KIND AND MINE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON I KNOW SOME SKILLS THAT MIGHT WORK FOR HER
SHOULD I ?


OKAY
I'LL TRY

MY THROAT'S GETTING SORE.
JUST ONE MORE TIME, TO MAKE SURE IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
OKAY
OK?
YAH!
WE NOTICED.


WHAT IS THAT THING, ANY-WAY?
DON'T YOU THINK YOU WERE KINDA HARD ON THAT LITTLE GIRL TODAY?
I WANTED A BATTLE SHOWED HER WHAT WAS
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
I MEAN, WOW, WE'RE NOT ALL OUT TO KILL THE OTHER GUY!
NORMAL PEOPLE BATTLE FOR FUN.
YOU DO KNOW THAT WORD, RIGHT? "FUN"?
OKAY THEN, MR TOUGH GUY YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO
BUT I GOTTA SAY, I'M GLAD I'M NOT YOU
YOU MUST HAVE HAD A HORRIBLE LIFE

OKAY, ALL SET MOVE YOUR BUTT
SO, LONG STORY SHORT, THERE'S THIS DOOR, AND I WANT TO GET PAST IT
AND ACCORDING TO THE WRITINGS ROUND HERE, WHAT I NEED IS A HUMAN
SPECIFICALLY, A PURE-HEARTED HUMAN CHILD
WELL, YOU'RE ONE OUT OF THREE, AT LEAST. CAN'T HURT TO TRY YOU FIRST, RIGHT?
WHAT'S BEHIND IT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT JUST YET I WANNA SHOW YOU SOMETHING COOL.
LIKE MY PUPPY?

UH... YEAH, NICE
IT WORKS ON XDOO2 WONDER IF IT'LL WORK ON YOU?
HUH?
OPEN THE DOOR
BUT... THERE'S NO HANDLE, OR LATCH OR ANYTHING
I DON'T KNOW HOW...
Y!Y! Y!!-!
WHAT THE HECK? STOP, STOP!
OPEN THE DOOR.

Y1 Y11-
STOP IT!
I'LL TRY, JUST STOP HURTING HER!
I CAN'T THINK
THESE THINGS--? NO, THEY DON'T MOVE
SOME-THING ELSE HAS TO HAPPEN FIRST
THOSE STMBOLS... THAT'S... HO-OH? AND LUGIA?
AND RAYQUAZA... SO IS IT A COMBINATION LOCK? DO I PRESS THEM?
BUT ONE'S BROKEN
I... I DON"T KNOW
PLEASE
I JUST DON'T KNOW

A PURE-HEARTED WISH.

ALL IT MEANS IS YOU REALLY GOTTA WANT IT, BUT NOT FOR YOURSELF!

HAHAHA! I WAS RIGHT! I KNEW O2 WAS MESSING WITH ME!

IT'S EASY!

A SELFLESS WISH. THAT'S ALL!

I FIGURED IT OUT, ALL ON MY OWN!

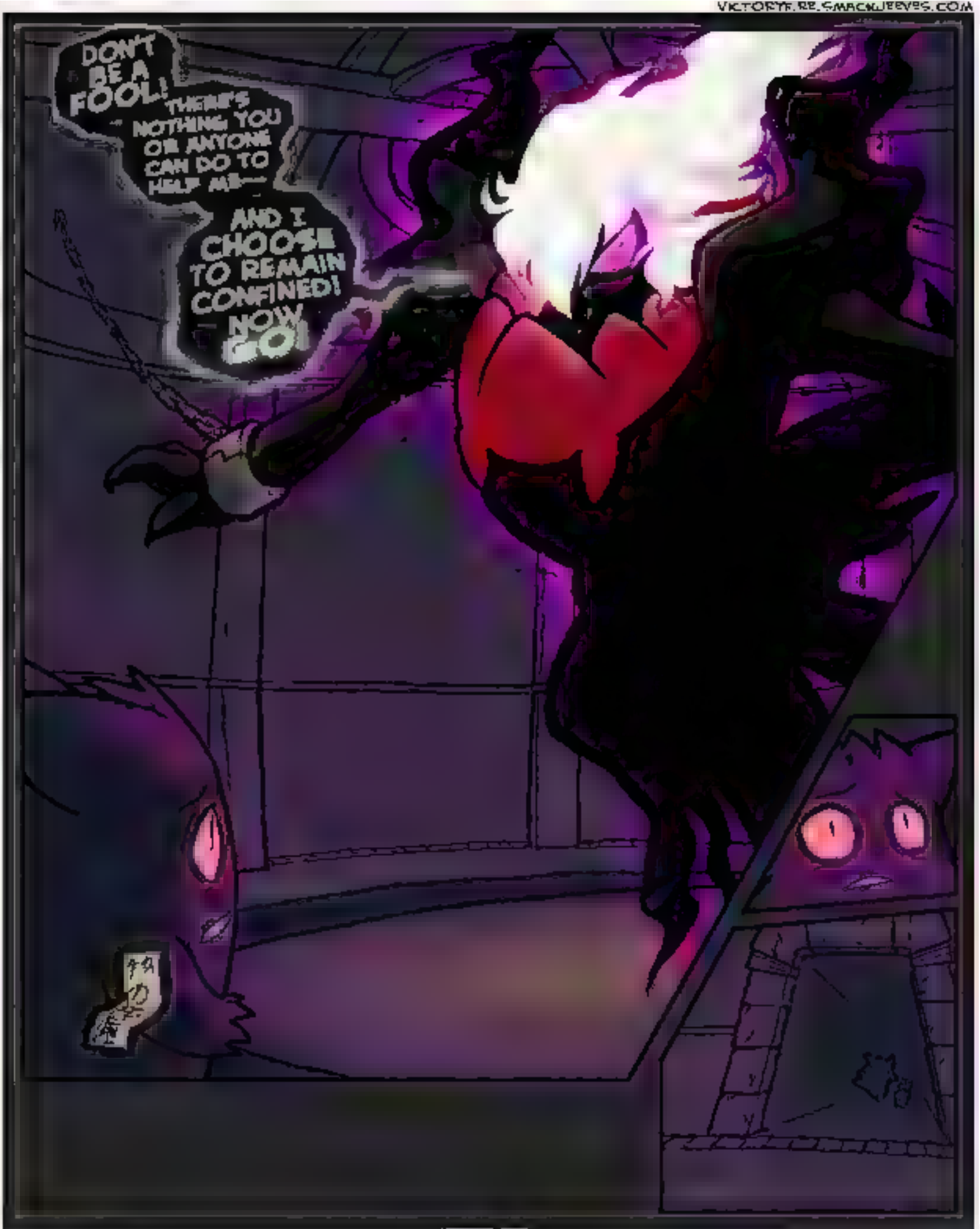
WOW. WILL YOU LOOK AT THIS THING?

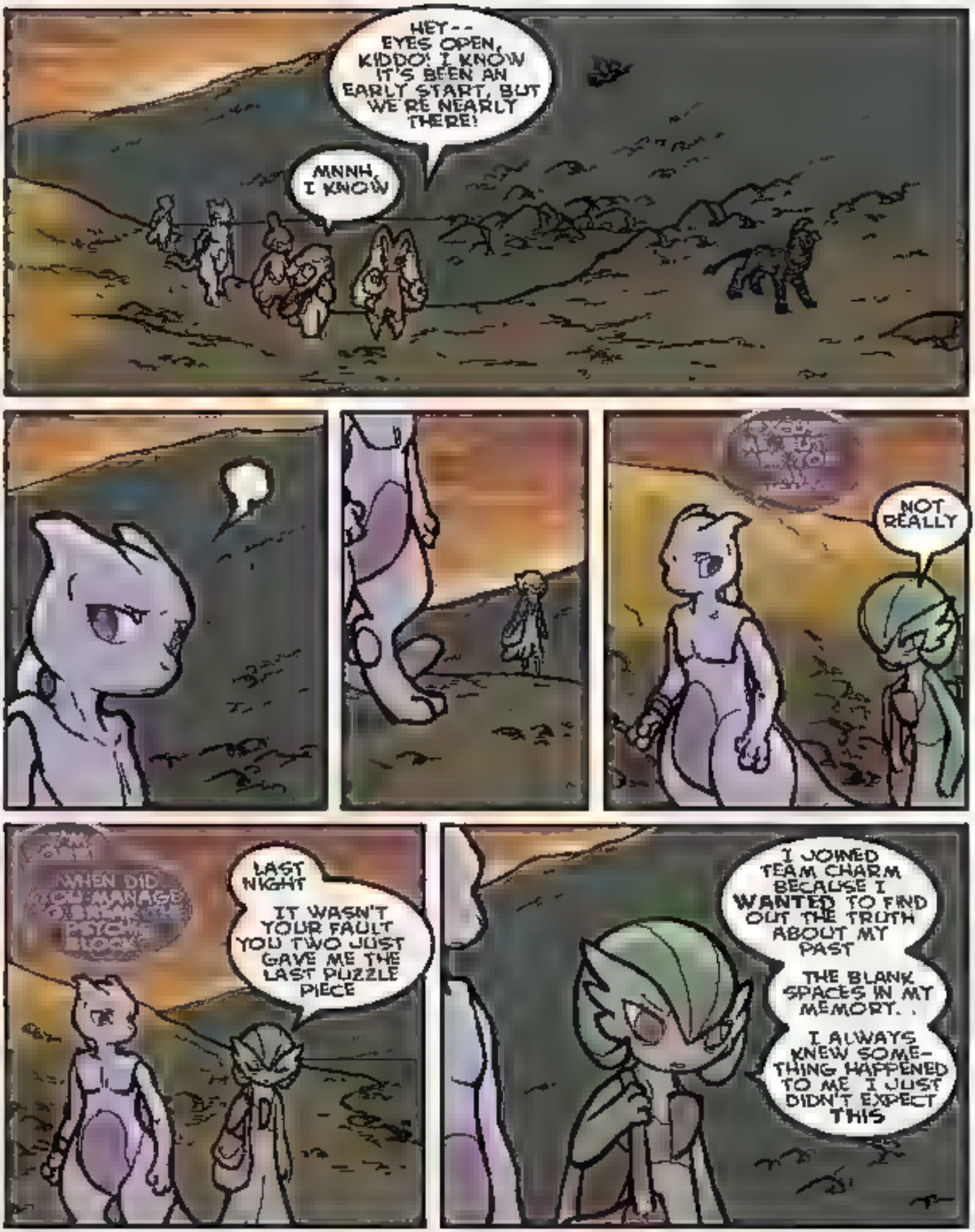
THE CREATION ENGINE

NOW WE'LL HAVE SOME FUN

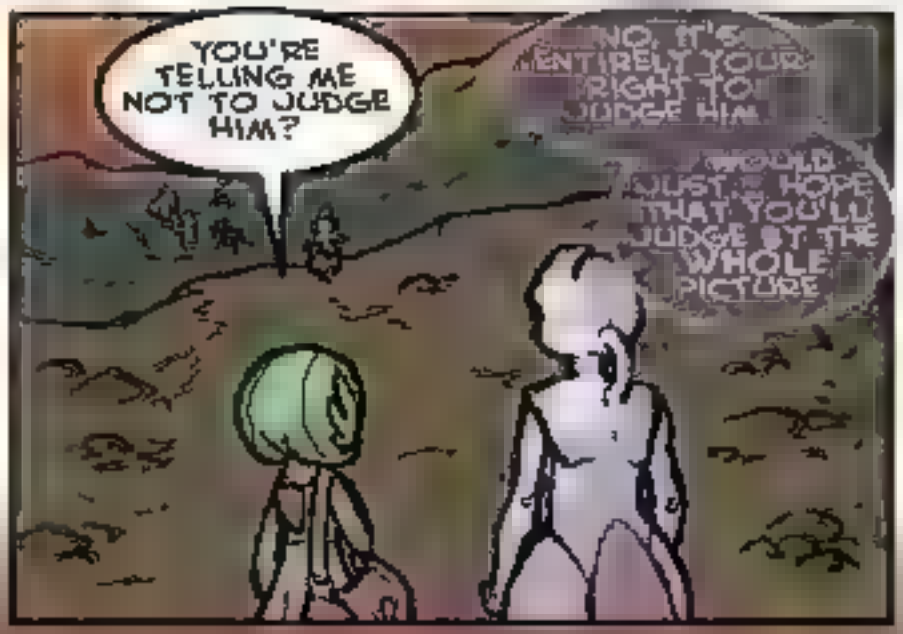
CREATION ENGINE?
OH, YOU'RE STILL HERE
HEH. I GUESS YOU DESERVE A REWARD
CATCH!
Y! Y! Y!!-
OKAY, OKAY, I GOTCHA
SO... IS THAT IT? I CAN JUST GO..?
HUH?
YEAH, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER I'M DONE WITH YOU

RRRRRR...
HEY!
WE'RE GETTING OUTTA HERE. HOW DO I GET YOU LOOSE?
WHERE IS SHE? THE DOOR--YOU DIDN'T OPEN THE DOOR?
I...
YEAH, IT'S OPEN ...LOOK, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT'S FOR... AND SHE WAS HURTING THE PUPPY--
...LISTEN TO ME. GET THAT CHILD BACK TO HER FATHER.
AND GET AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS YOU CAN... NOW!
NOT WITHOUT YOU--


DON'T BE A FOOL!
THERE'S NOTHING YOU OR ANYONE CAN DO TO HELP ME—
AND I CHOOSE TO REMAIN CONFINED! NOW GO!

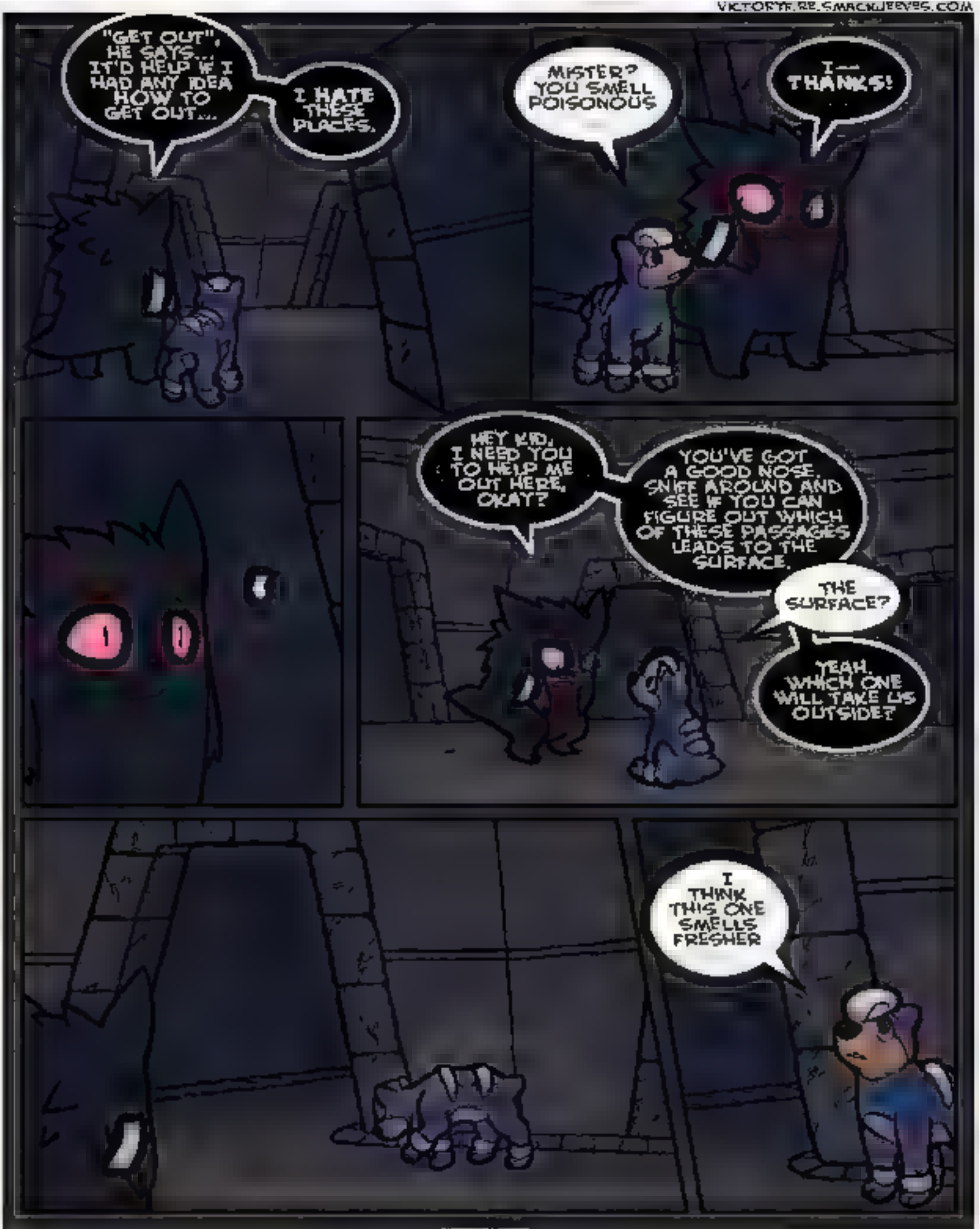

HEY-- EYES OPEN, KIDDO! I KNOW IT'S BEEN AN EARLY START, BUT WE'RE NEARLY THERE!
MNNH, I KNOW
NOT REALLY
WHEN DID SHE MANAGE TO SWIPE MY PUZZLE BOOK?
LAST NIGHT
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT YOU TWO JUST GAVE ME THE LAST PUZZLE PIECE
I JOINED TEAM CHARM BECAUSE I WANTED TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT MY PAST
THE BLANK SPACES IN MY MEMORY...
I ALWAYS KNEW SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME I JUST DIDN'T EXPECT THIS

hhuh
I'VE COLORED
AND
DESPERATE
FOR
THIS HISTORY


YOU'RE TELLING ME NOT TO JUDGE HIM?
NO, IT'S ENTIRELY YOUR RIGHT TO JUDGE HIM.
WOULD JUST HOPE THAT YOU'LL JUDGE BY THE WHOLE PICTURE

UH, GUYS? I DON'T WANNA RUSH YOU, BUT
YOU BETTER COME TAKE A LOOK AT THIS

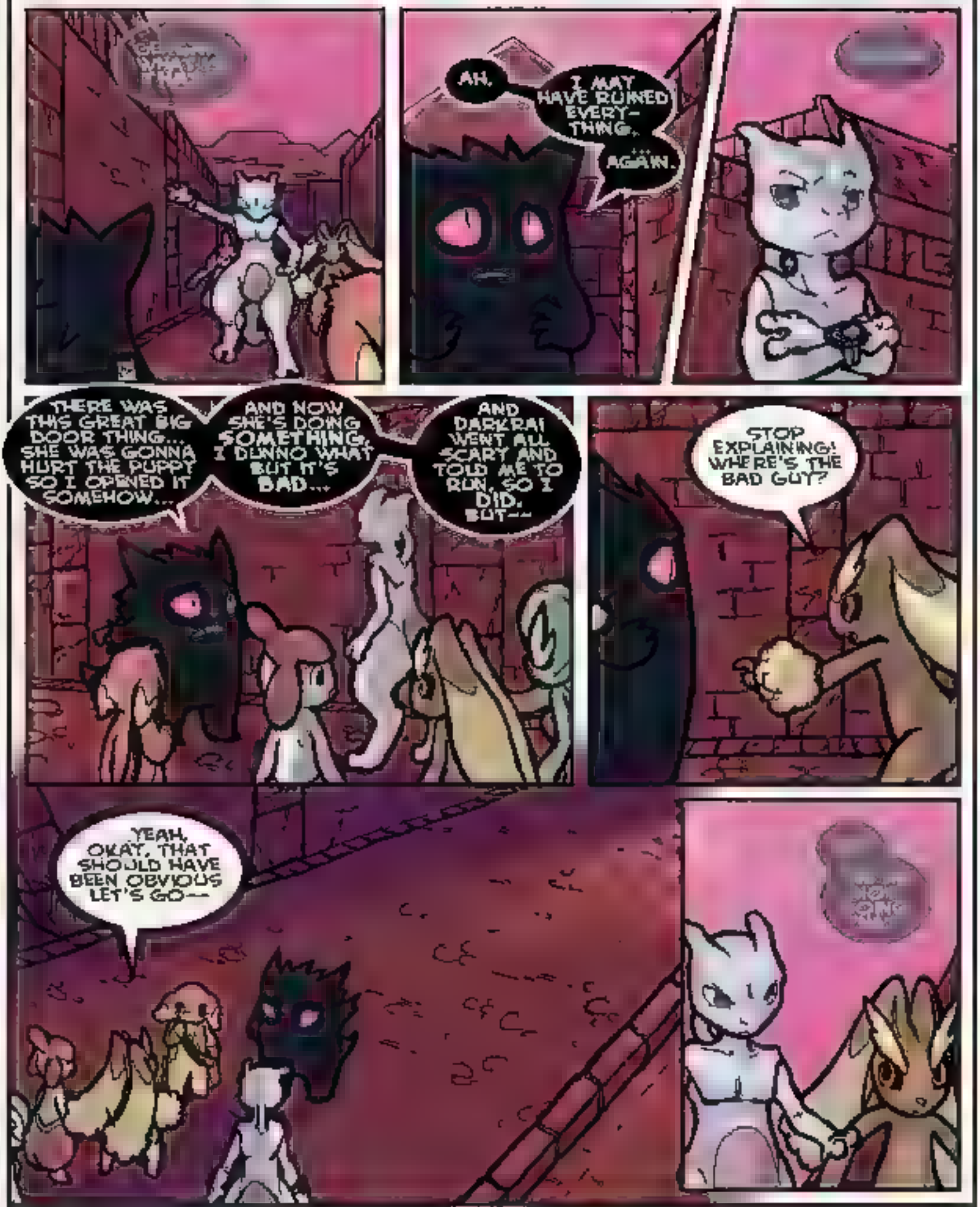
hmh.
HATE
NEW

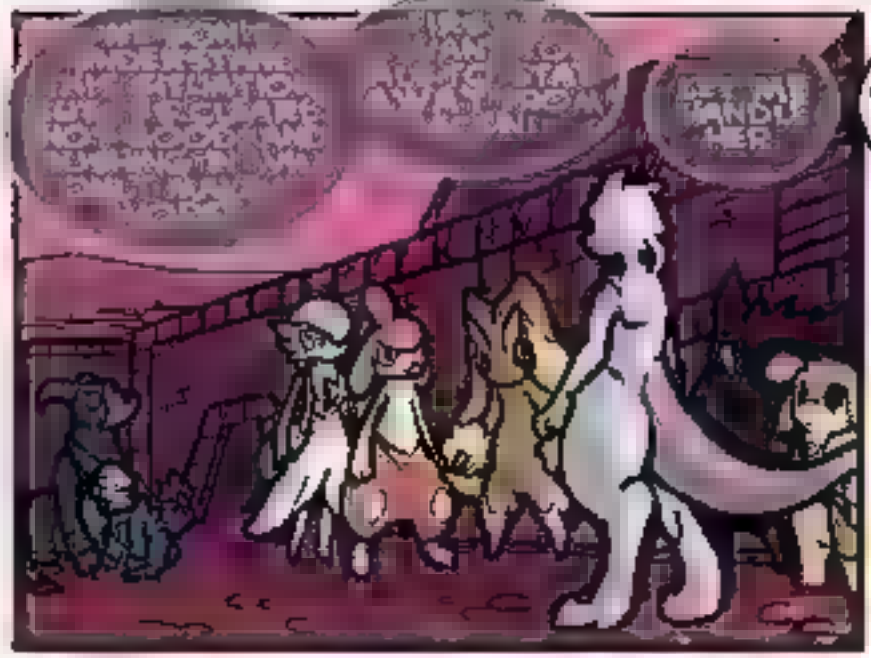

"GET OUT", HE SAYS... IT'D HELP IF I HAD ANY IDEA HOW TO GET OUT...
I HATE THESE PLACES.
MISTER? YOU SMELL POISONOUS
I— THANKS!
HEY KID, I NEED YOU TO HELP ME OUT HERE, OKAY?
YOU'VE GOT A GOOD NOSE. SNIFF AROUND AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHICH OF THESE PASSAGES LEADS TO THE SURFACE.
THE SURFACE?
YEAH. WHICH ONE WILL TAKE US OUTSIDE?
I THINK THIS ONE SMELLS FRESHER

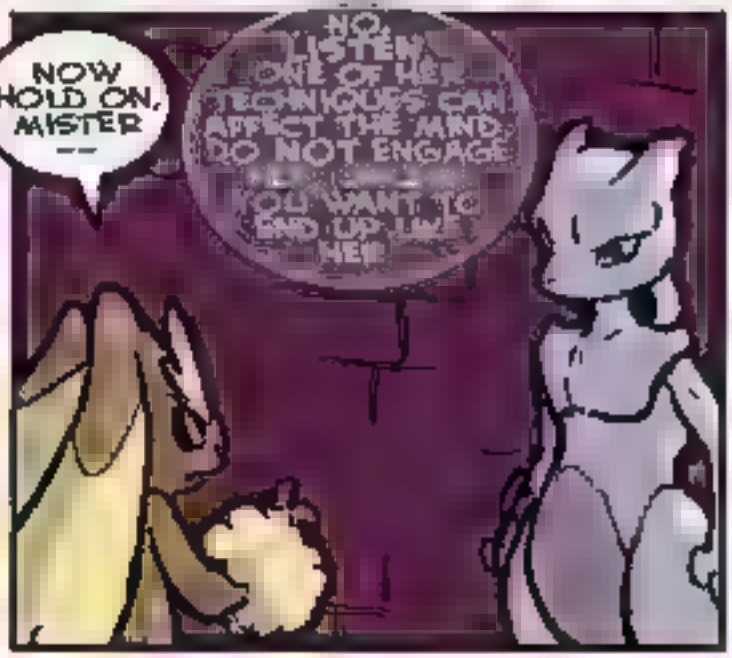
ALL RIGHT!
...YEAH! YOU DID IT, KIDDO. WAY TO GO!
...EUGH. I REALLY HOPE I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT...
PA...?
--I JUST SMELLED MY PA!
HEY, WAIT--
PA! I'M HERE! WHERE ARE YOU?
ROWF!

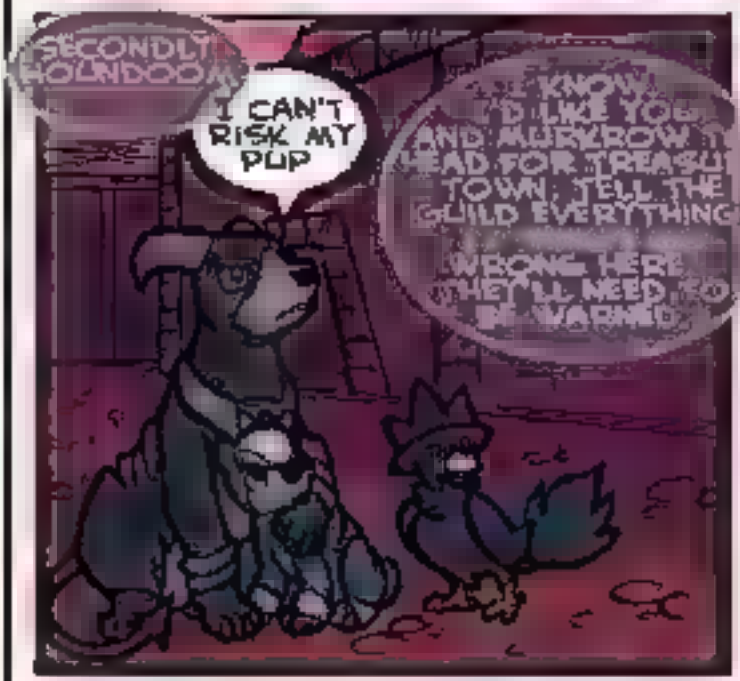
WOW! YOU CAN ALL FEEL THE RIGHT?
WHAT IS THAT ENERGY BUILDING OVER THERE?
ROWF!
PUP!
I'M COMING, PUP! KEEP CALLING!
WRUFF!
ROWF!
WRUFF!
THAT'S MY PUP!

PA!
PUP!
PA, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
NOTHING
IT'S NOTHING. EVERYTHING'S FINE NOW
GENGAR! YOU'RE OKAY!
WHAT--?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO GO HOME!
STUPID KID... WHY DIDN'T YOU GO HOME?
I MISSED YOU TOO.


AH.
I MAY HAVE RUINED EVERY-THING.
...AGAIN.
THERE WAS THIS GREAT BIG DOOR THING... SHE WAS GONNA HURT THE PUPPY SO I OPENED IT SOMEHOW...
AND NOW SHE'S DOING SOMETHING, I DUNNO WHAT BUT IT'S BAD...
AND DARKRAI WENT ALL SCARY AND TOLD ME TO RUN, SO I DID. BUT--
STOP EXPLAINING! WHERE'S THE BAD GUY?
YEAH, OKAY, THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OBVIOUS LET'S GO--


MY HANDLER


NOW HOLD ON, MISTER --
NO, LISTEN. ONE OF HER TECHNIQUES CAN AFFECT THE MIND. DO NOT ENGAGE. YOU WANT TO END UP LIKE HER


SECONDLY HOUNDOOM
I CAN'T RISK MY PUP
I KNOW. I'D LIKE YOU AND MURKROW HEAD FOR TREASURE TOWN. TELL THE GUILD EVERYTHING. WRONG HERE. THEY'LL NEED TO BE WARNED

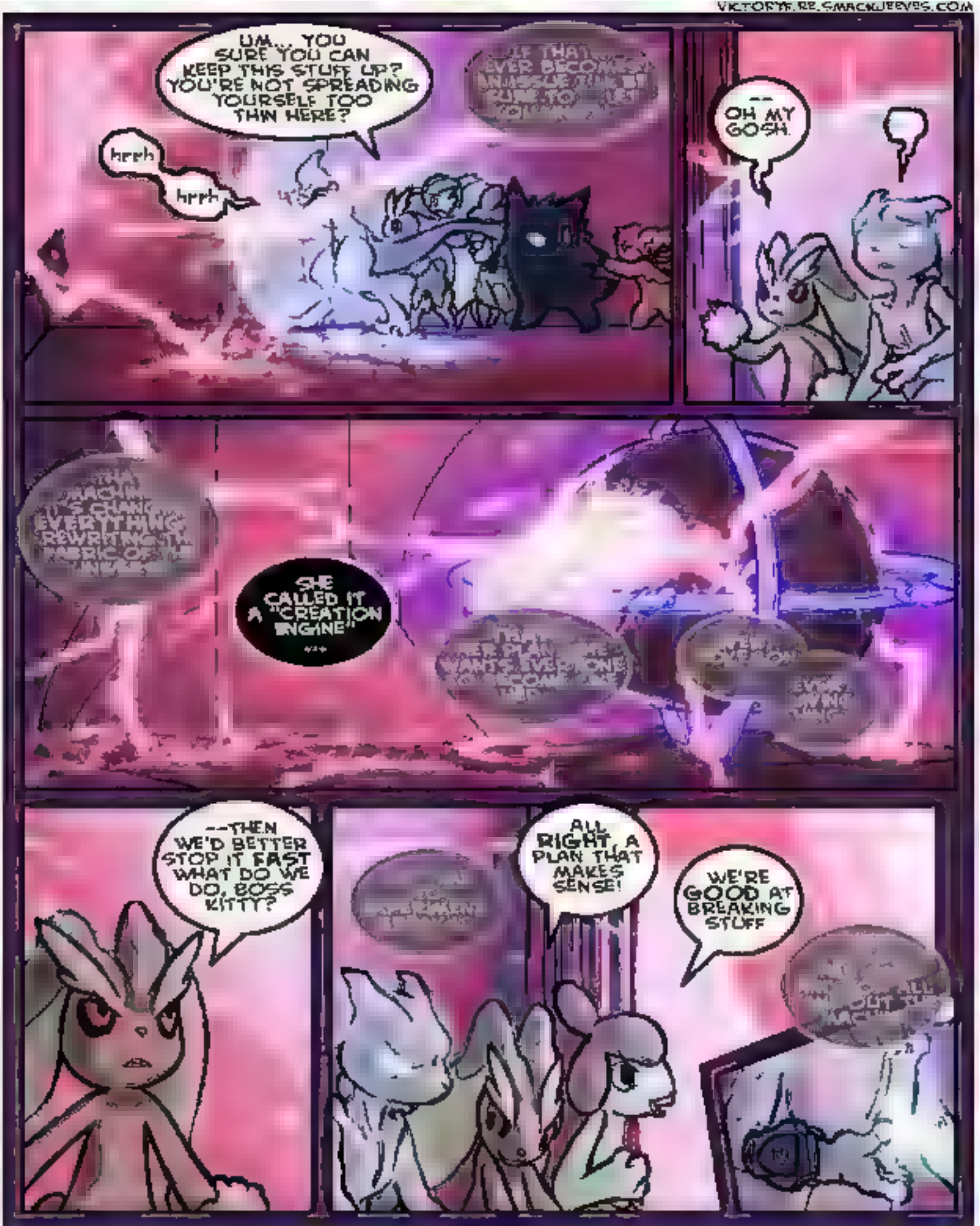
I'M UP FOR THAT IF YOU ARE. WE'VE COME THIS FAR TOGETHER

ALL RIGHT
COME, PUP

GOING TO STOP

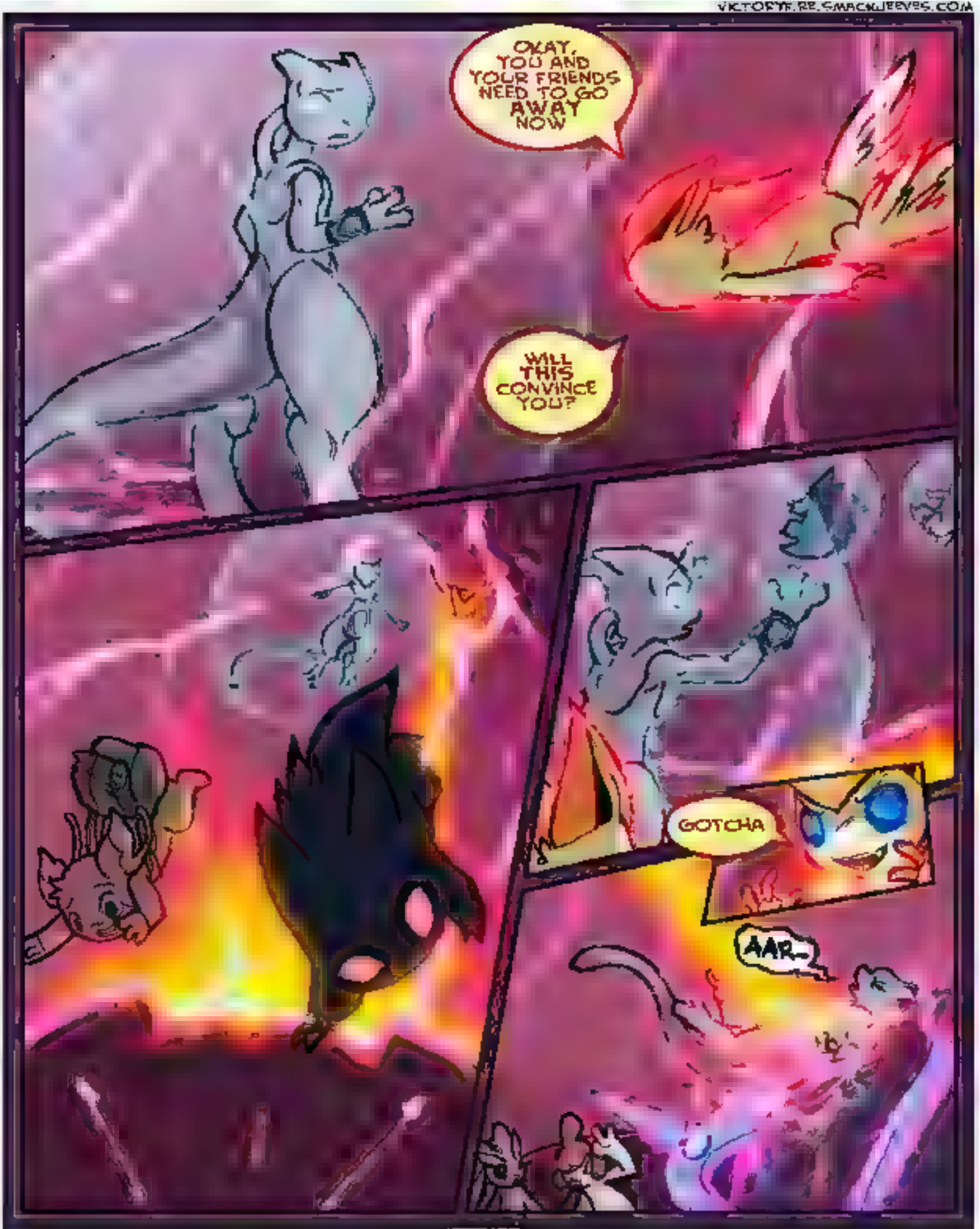
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE WE'RE GOING?
I'M TRYING TO TRIANGULATE THE ENERG SIGNATUR
WAS THAT A YES OR A NO?
WHAT'S THAT?
UH? OH-- SOME SORT OF SEAL. DRAPION STUCK IT ON ME AND NOW I CAN'T GET RID OF IT...
IT'S JUST PAPER
KEHEH... THANKS.
YOU HAVE CHANGED
HOW MUCH?

I WERE THAT ROOM IS WHERE IT'S ALL COMING FROM
I HAVE A FEW THEORIES, JUST HOPE THEY'RE ALL WRONG
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT-- GARDEVOIR! WHAT'S WRONG?
I I'M SORRY I'M JUST FEELING REALLY BAD
HER AURA--!
--WE'RE GOING INTO THAT?


UM... YOU SURE YOU CAN KEEP THIS STUFF UP? YOU'RE NOT SPREADING YOURSELF TOO THIN HERE?
hrrh
hrrh
OH MY GOSH.
SHE CALLED IT A "CREATION ENGINE"
--THEN WE'D BETTER STOP IT FAST WHAT DO WE DO, BOSS KITTY?
ALL RIGHT, A PLAN THAT MAKES SENSE!
WE'RE GOOD AT BREAKING STUFF

WHAT--
YOU AGAIN? YOU'RE LIKE A BAD SMELL!
OHH NO, YOU ARE NOT GONNA RUN THIS FOR ME--
OKAY, GO!
HEY, WE GOTTA MOVE! JEN!
THAT'S VICTIN?
I I KNOW HER SOME-HOW
--YOU TWO?

YOU-- YOU'RE MESSING EVERYTHING UP!
GET DOWN!
HOLY CRAP ...
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR OWN ADVICE!
THERE'S NO CONTROLS OR ANYTHING --
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BUST THIS THING?
I DUNNO! PUNCH IT?

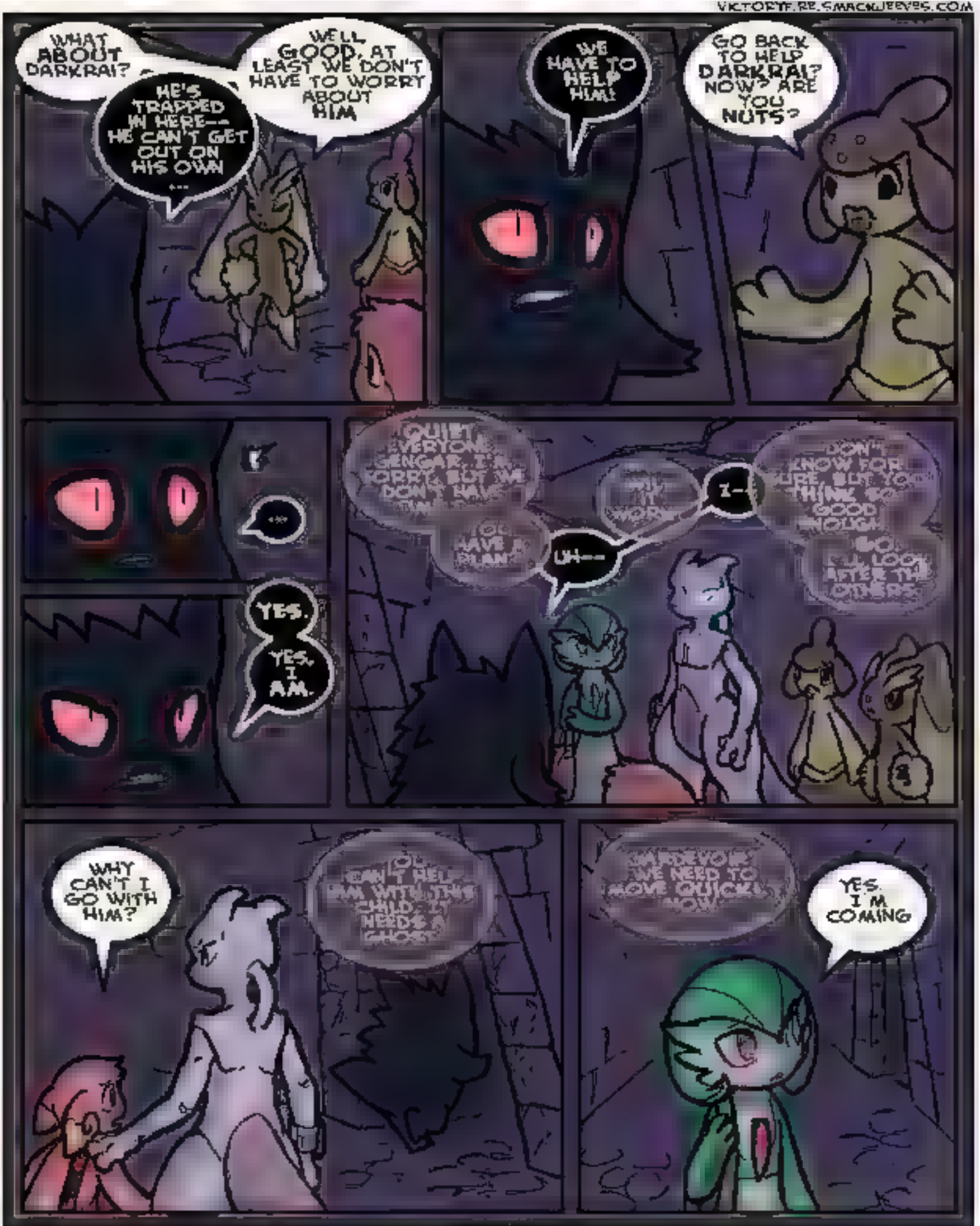

OKAY, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS NEED TO GO AWAY NOW
WILL THIS CONVINCE YOU?
GOTCHA
AAR-

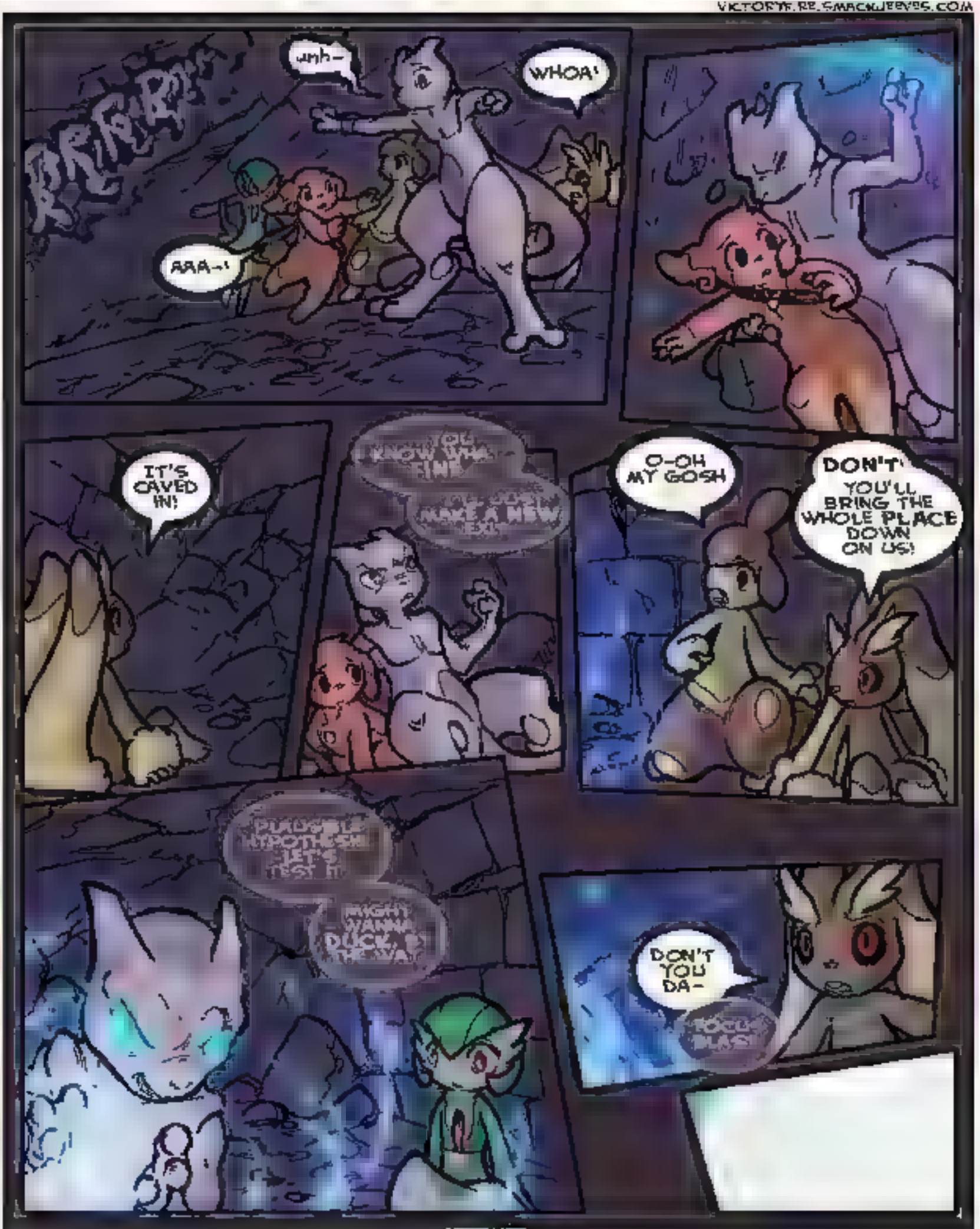
I AM SO DONE WITH FALLING OFF STUFF ...
QUICK, GARDEVOIR, NEED A HEAL HERE—
YAH!

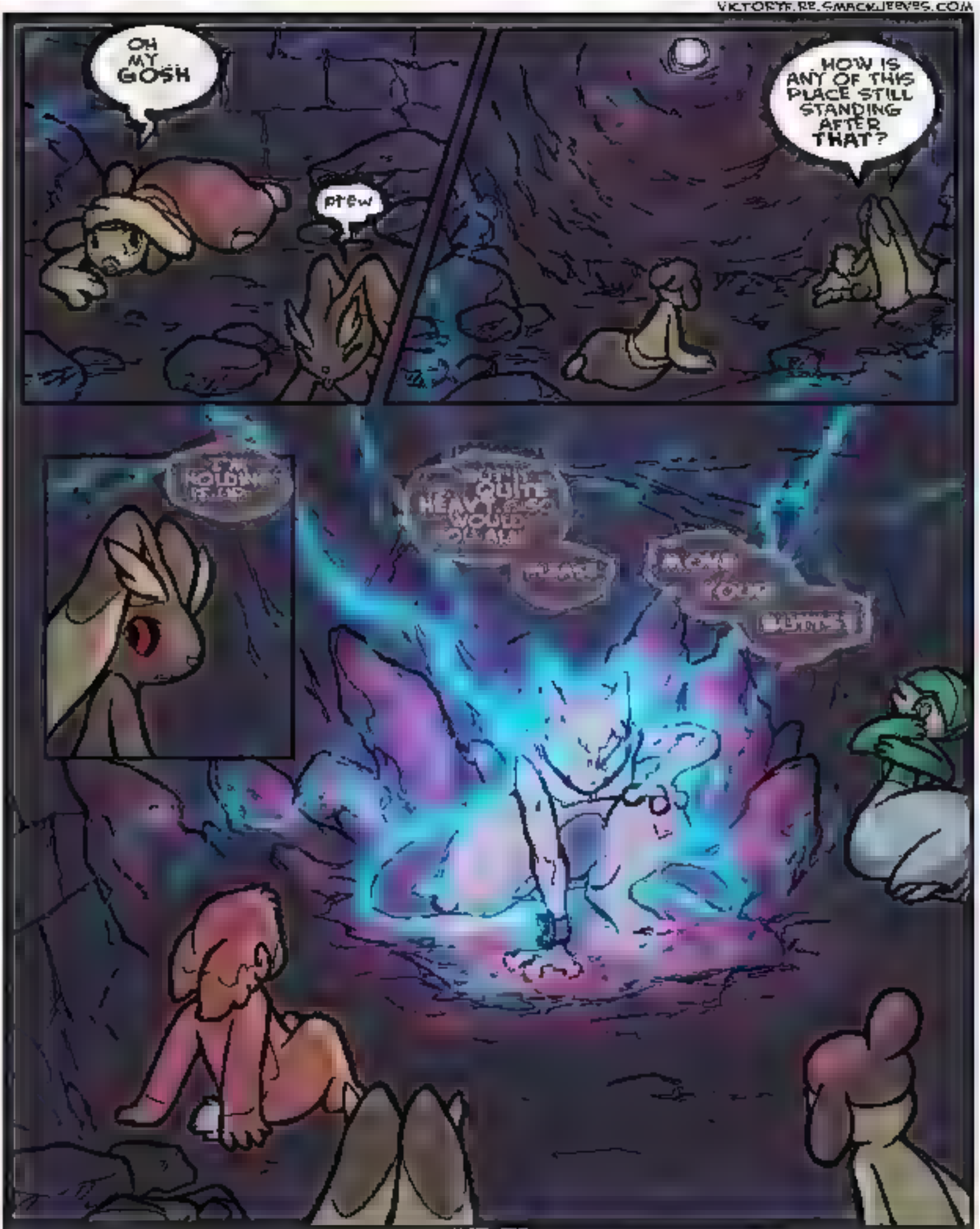
UFF...
SHOULD I NOT HAVE DONE THAT?
JUST RUN!

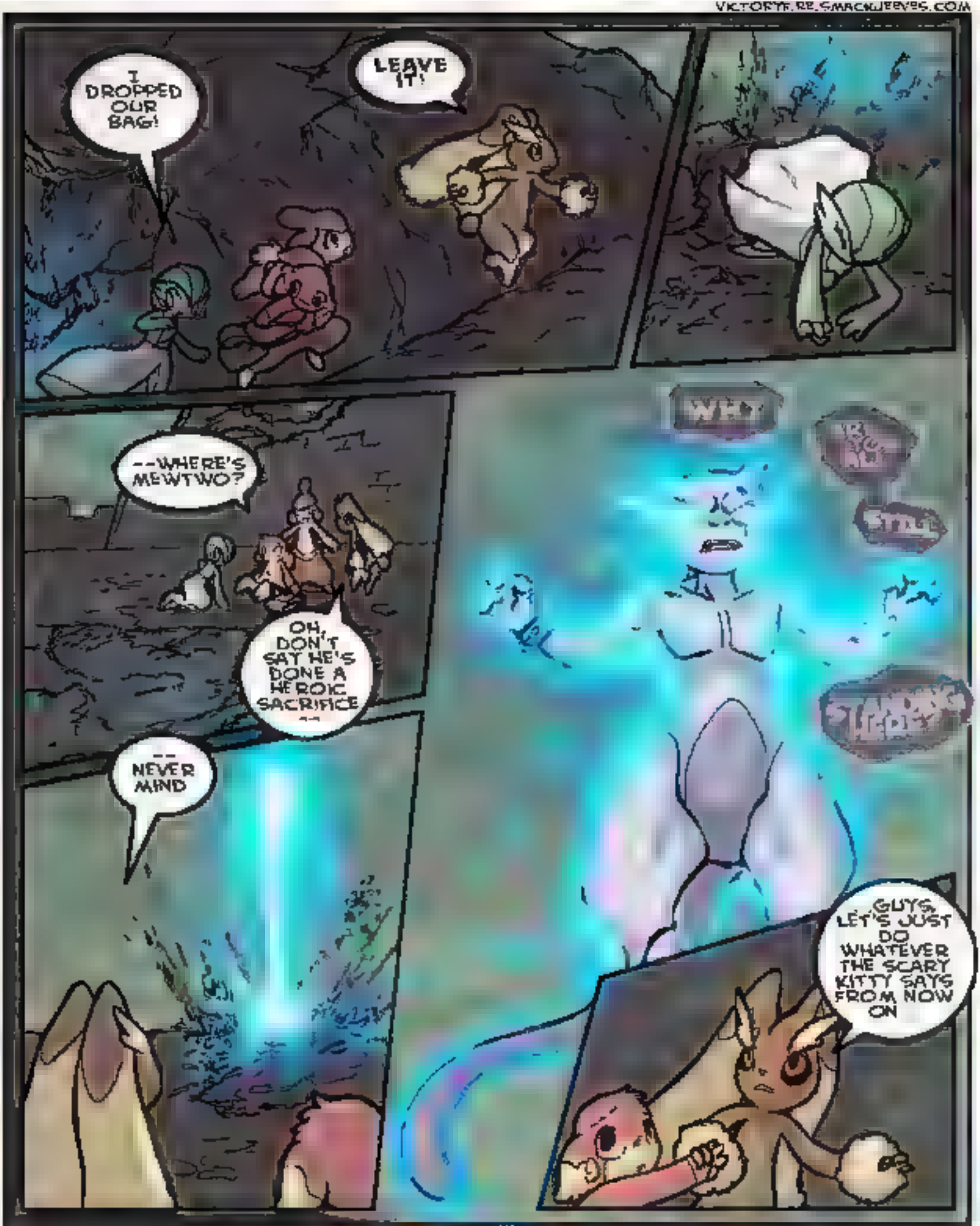
JEN?
HEY JEN!
WAKE UP!
NNH..?
YOU OKAY?
I THINK SO?
OWW
--WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?
DON'T THINK SO...

WHUH-!
EARTH-QUAKE?
YOU GUYS OKAY? I THINK IT'S STOPPED NOW.
HEY, IS THIS WHOLE PLACE GOING TO COLLAPSE?
WHAT ABOUT DARKRAI?

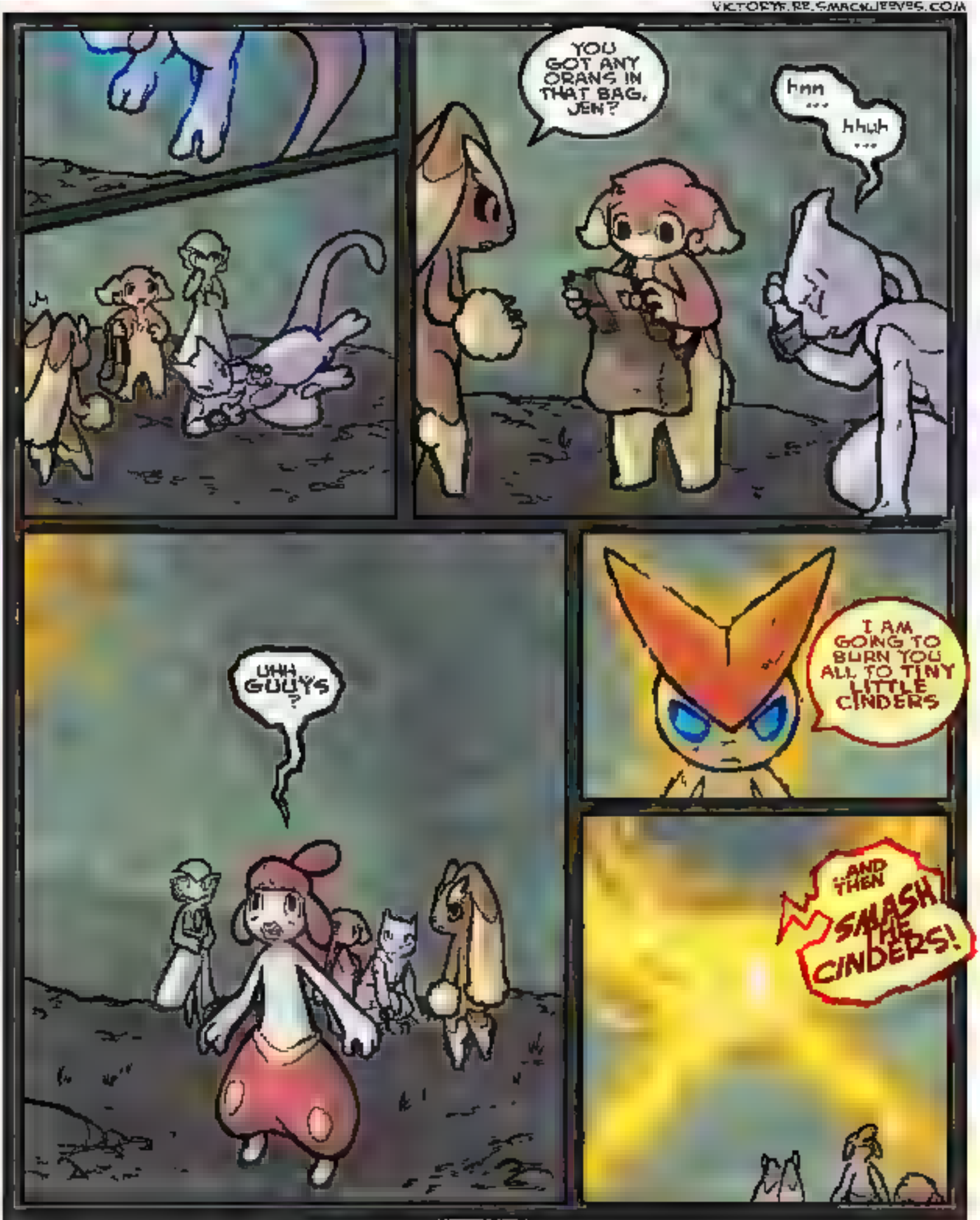

WHAT ABOUT DARKRAI?
HE'S TRAPPED IN WERE-- HE CAN'T GET OUT ON HIS OWN
...
WELL GOOD, AT LEAST WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM
WE HAVE TO HELP HIM!
GO BACK TO HELP DARKRAI? NOW? ARE YOU NUTS?
...
YES.
YES. I AM.
QUIET EVERYONE. GENGAR, I'M SORRY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME
OR HAVE A PLAN
UH--
I--
DON'T KNOW FOR SURE, BUT I THINK SO
GOOD ENOUGH
SO I'LL LOOK AFTER THE OTHERS
WHY CAN'T I GO WITH HIM?
OH, DON'T BE A FOOL. I'M WITH THIS CHILD. IT NEEDS A GHOST
SHUPPET! WE NEED TO MOVE QUICK NOW
YES. I'M COMING

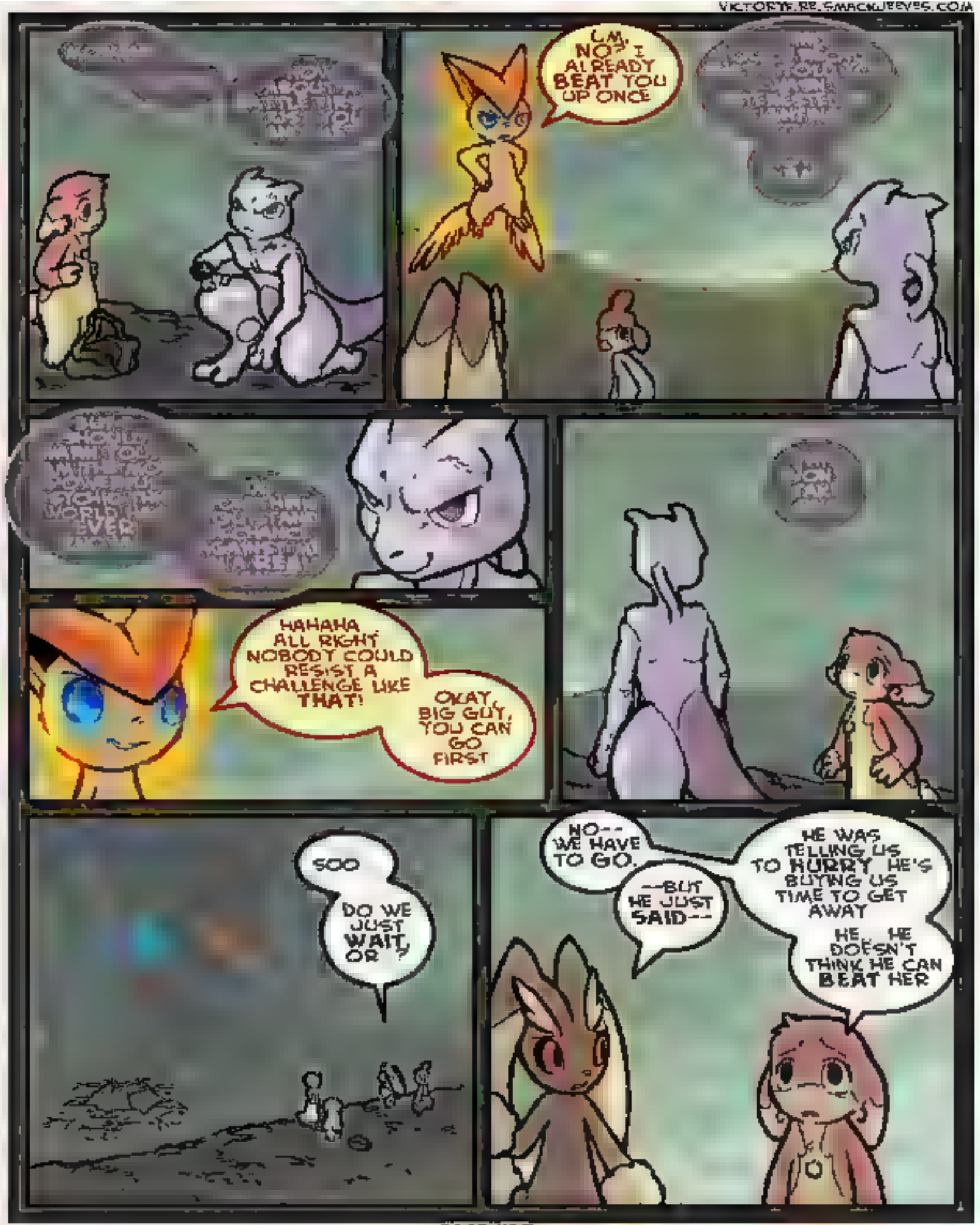

RRRR!
umh-
WHOA!
AAA-!
IT'S CAVED IN!
O-OH MY GOSH
DON'T! YOU'LL BRING THE WHOLE PLACE DOWN ON US!
DON'T YOU DA-

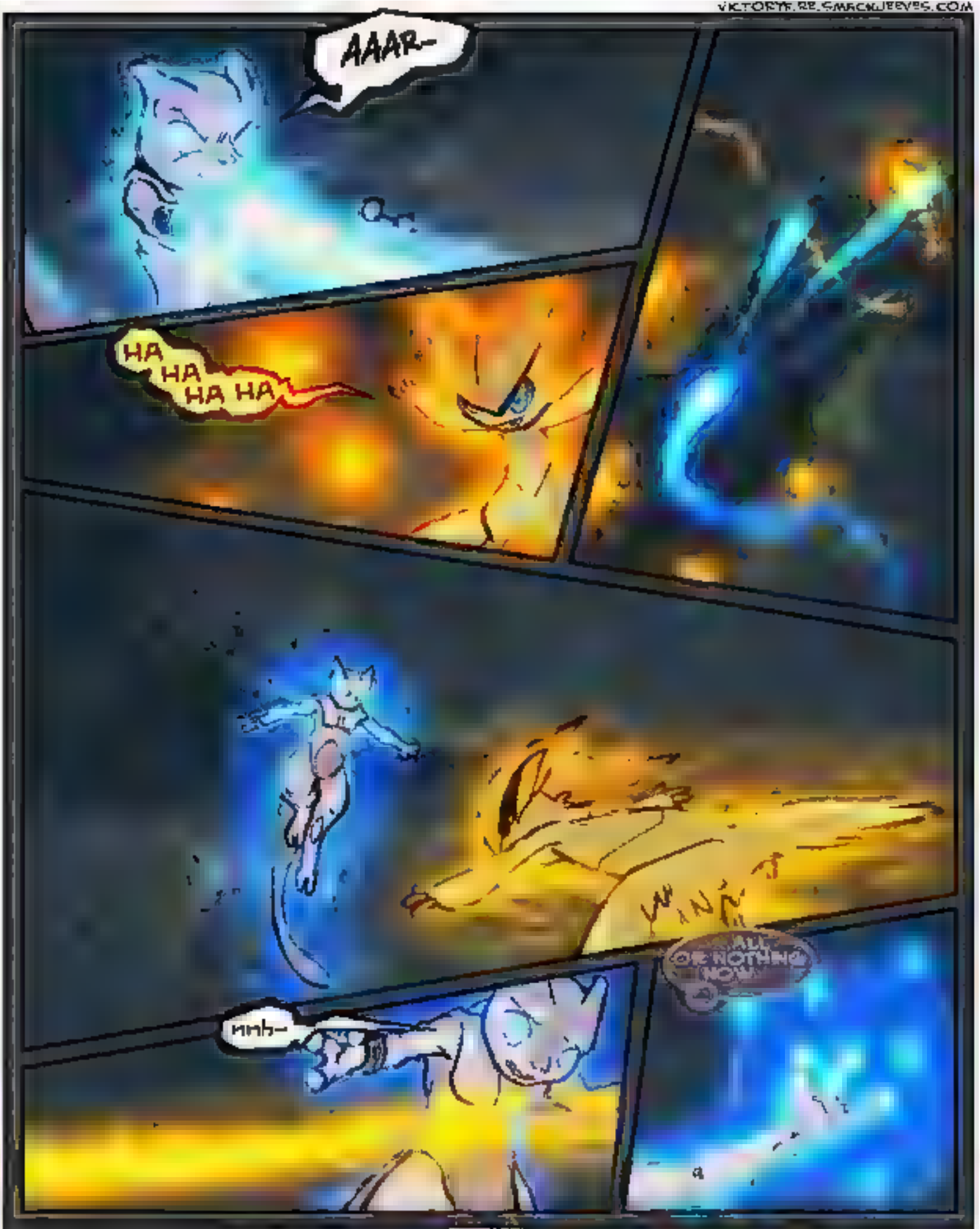

OH MY GOSH
PTEW
HOW IS ANY OF THIS PLACE STILL STANDING AFTER THAT?
I'M HOLDIN
IT AND
IT QUITE
HEAVY
WOULD
PLEASE
NOW
YOUR
BUTTS

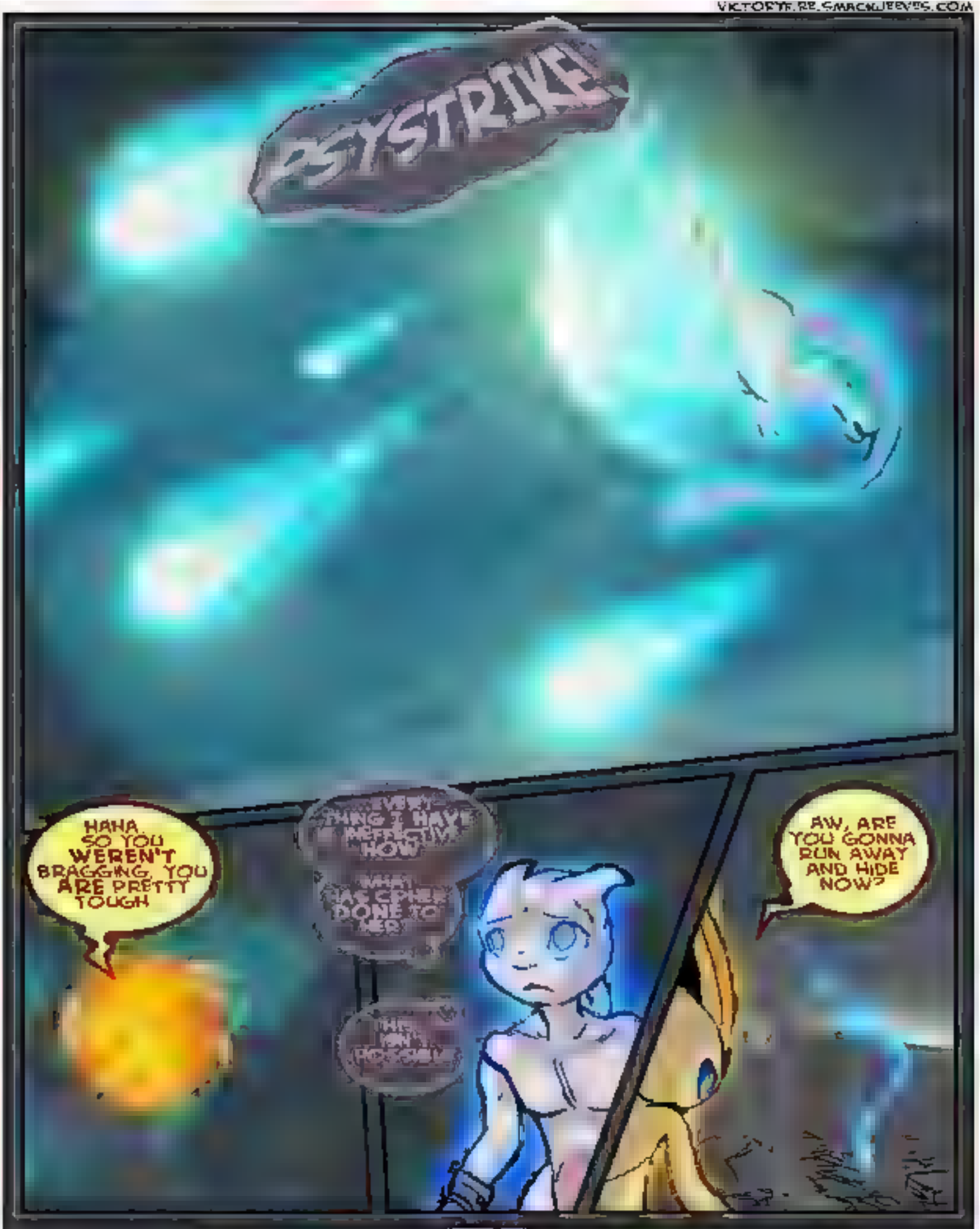

I DROPPED OUR BAG!
LEAVE IT!
--WHERE'S MEWTWO?
OH, DON'T SAY HE'S DONE A HEROIC SACRIFICE --
-- NEVER MIND
WHY
GUYS, LET'S JUST DO WHATEVER THE SCARY KITTY SAYS FROM NOW ON

nnh
...
IS HE DOING THAT?
HOW IS HE DOING THAT?
SHUT UP AND RUN!
OH MY GOSH
NHUH
NHUH
THASS IT 'M DONE


YOU GOT ANY ORANS IN THAT BAG, JEN?
hmm...
hhuh...
UHH GUUYS?
I AM GOING TO BURN YOU ALL TO TINY LITTLE CINDERS
AND THEN SMASH THE CINDERS!


UM, NO. I ALREADY BEAT YOU UP ONCE
HAHAHA ALL RIGHT NOBODY COULD RESIST A CHALLENGE LIKE THAT!
OKAY, BIG GUY, YOU CAN GO FIRST
SOO
DO WE JUST WAIT, OR
NO-- WE HAVE TO GO.
--BUT HE JUST SAID--
HE WAS TELLING US TO HURRY. HE'S BUYING US TIME TO GET AWAY
HE... HE DOESN'T THINK HE CAN BEAT HER


AAAR-
HA HA HA HA
WIN
ALL OR NOTHING NOW
nnh-


PSYSTRIKE
HAHA SO YOU WEREN'T BRAGGING, YOU ARE PRETTY TOUGH
AW, ARE YOU GONNA RUN AWAY AND HIDE NOW?

hhuh ...
hhuh ..
SO ARE WE PLAYING HIDE AND GO SEEK NOW?
OKAY~ BUT I HOPE YOU'RE BETTER AT IT THAN O2 WAS!
HE WOULD A REALLY GOOD TIME FOR YOU TO START DRINK

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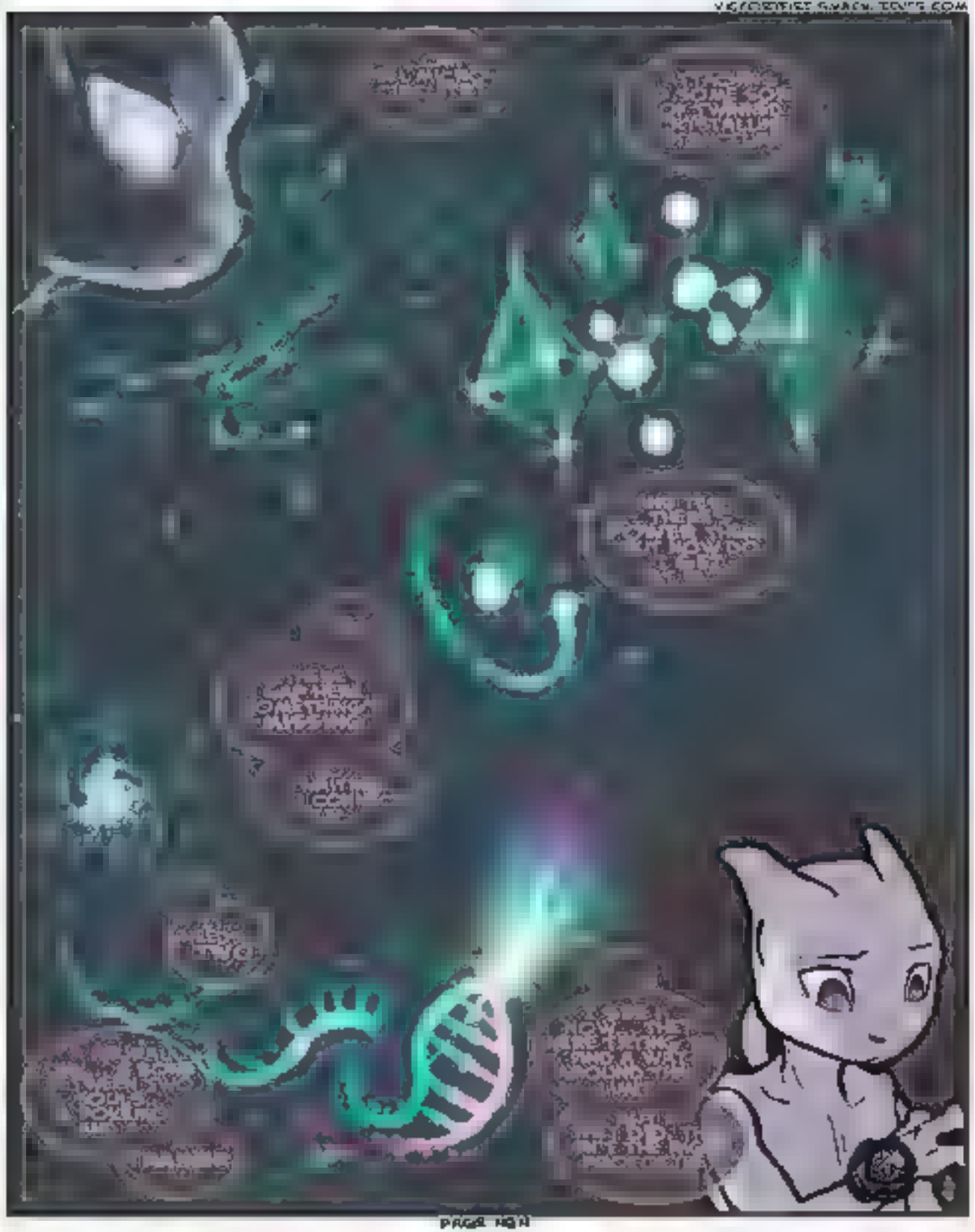

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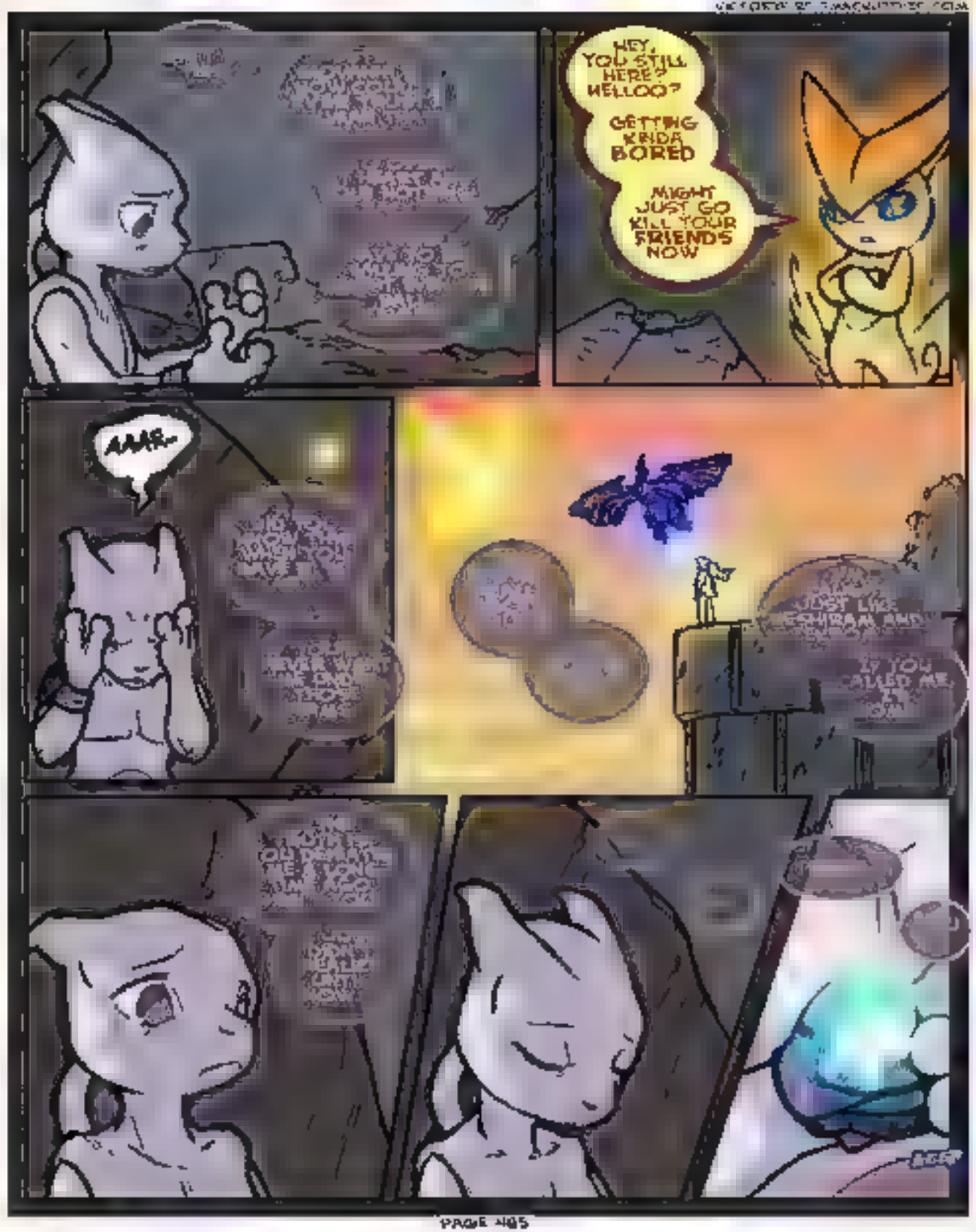
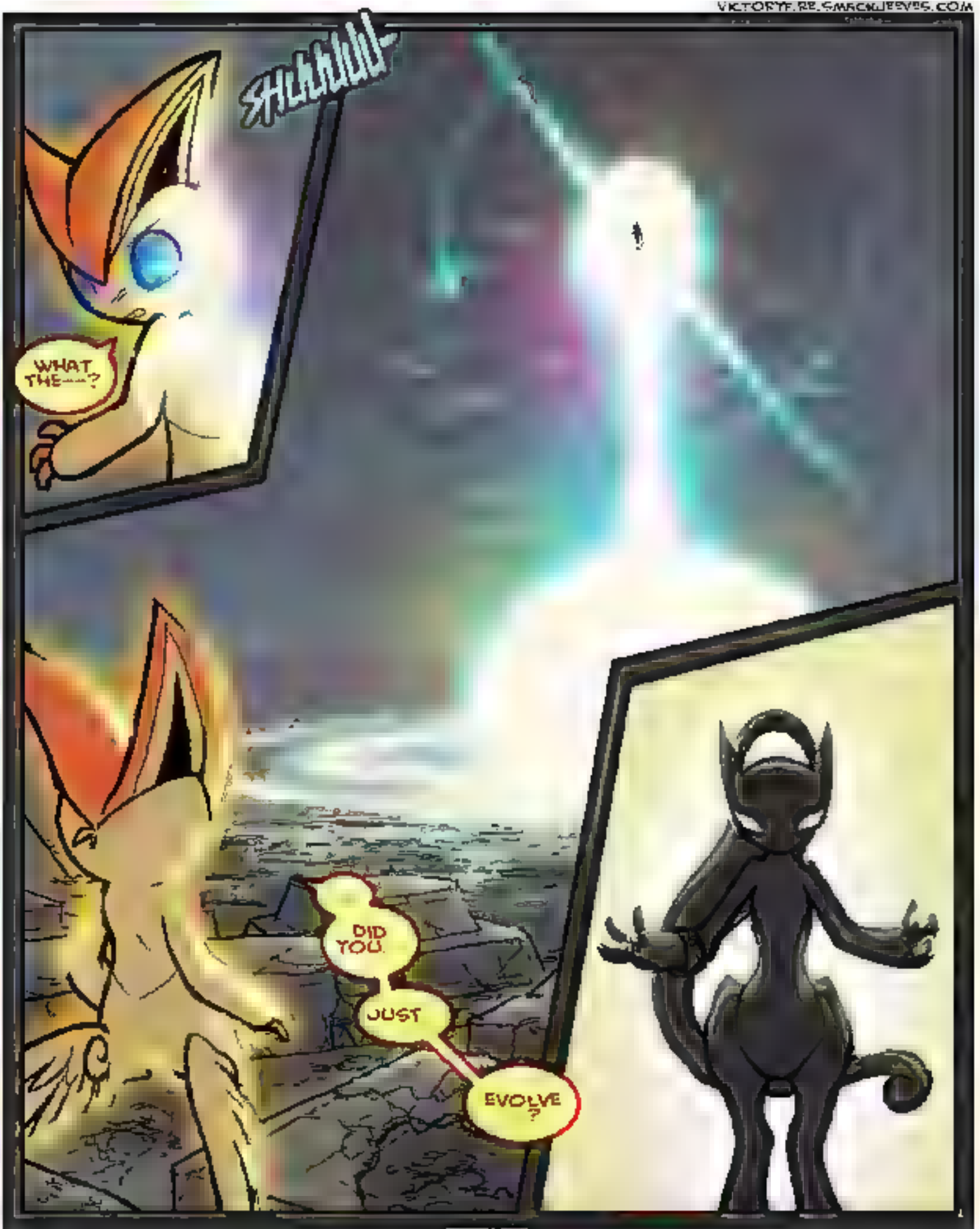
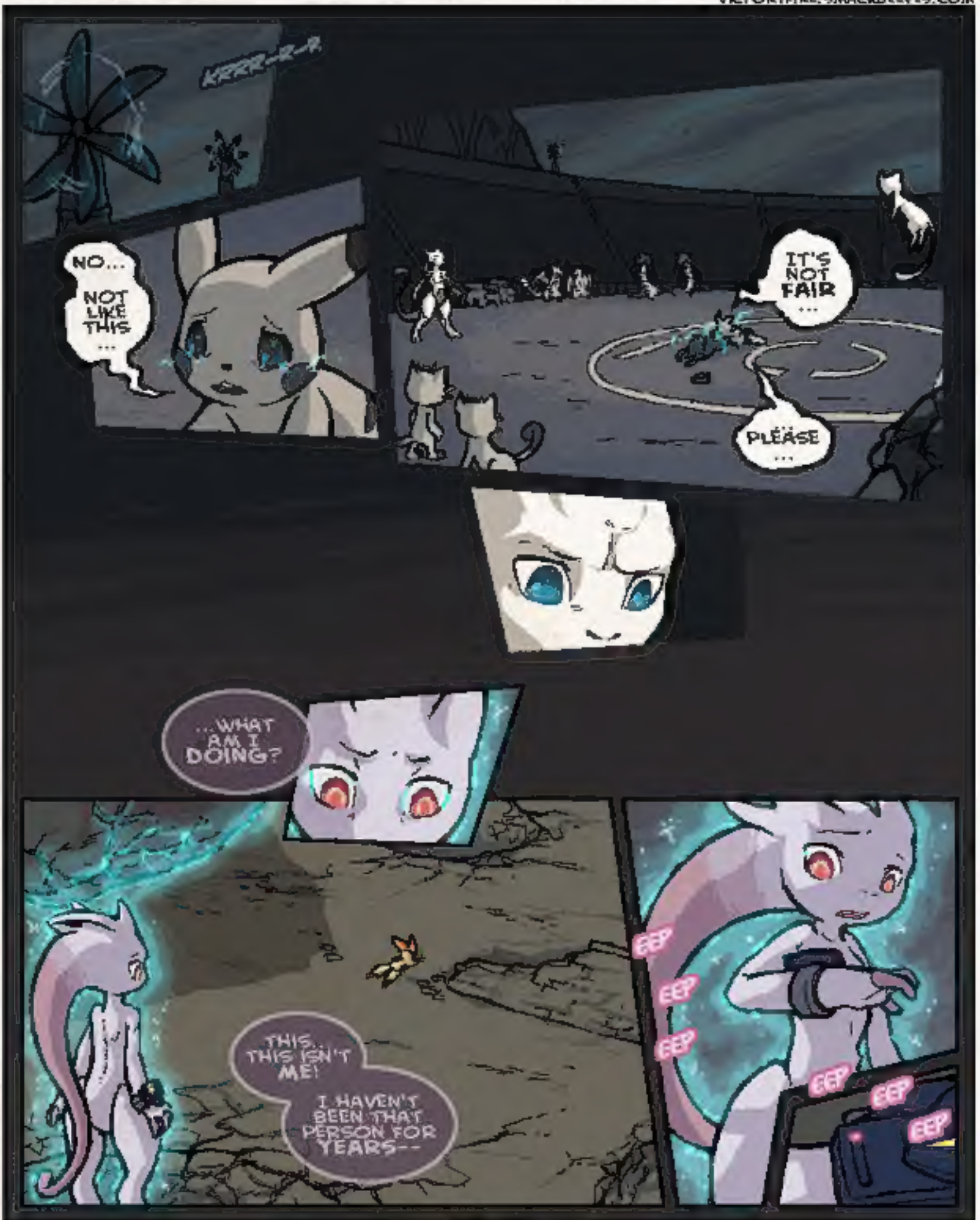


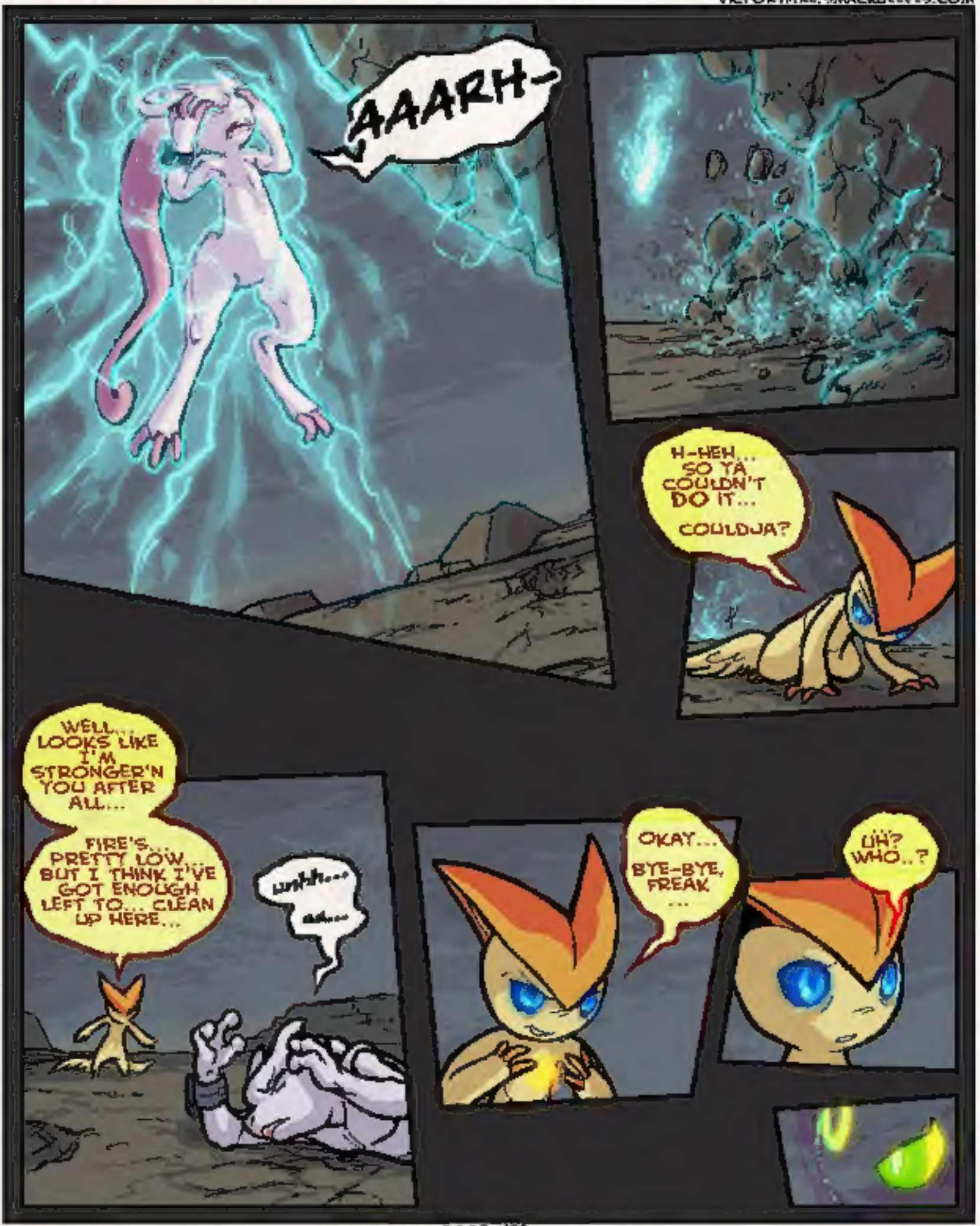

SHUUUUU-
WHAT THE—?
DID YOU JUST EVOLVE?

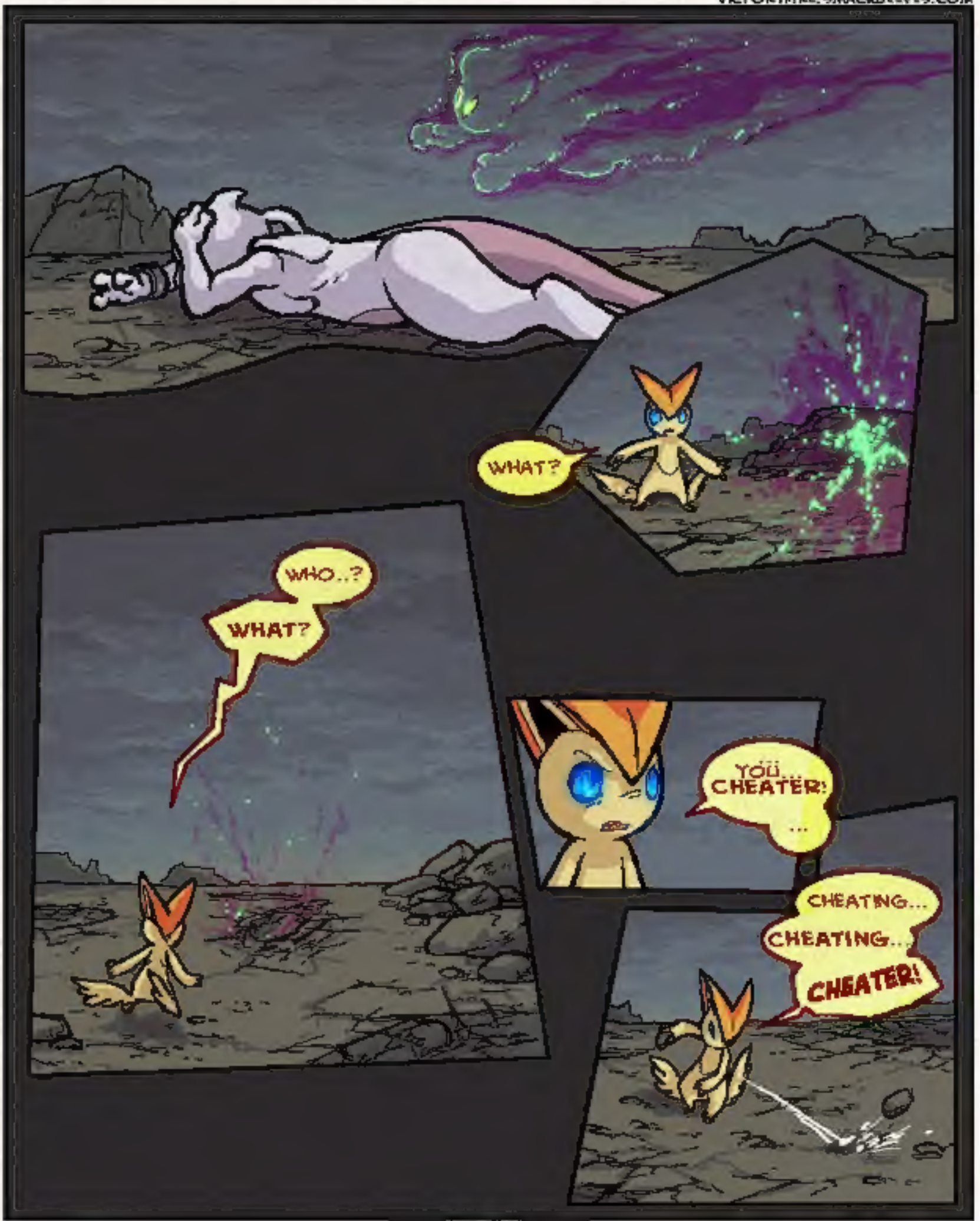
SO YOU LOOK DUMBER NOW...
BIG DEAL! I CAN STILL BEAT YOU!
YAAAA-
-UH!?
AAU-

SSTOP IT!
HOSTILE
CHARGING ATTACK
INTERRUPT
AAA-
INFECTION VECTOR
DANGEROUS
ISOLATE
NEUTRALIZE

PSYCHIC TECHNIQUES ARE INADEQUATE.
WEAPON.
UH-H...
N-NO... I NEARLY DID IT ... IT'S NOT... FAIR ...
NOT LIKE THIS ...
mh?


KRRR-R-R.
NO... NOT LIKE THIS ...
IT'S NOT FAIR ...
PLEASE ...
...WHAT AM I DOING?
THIS... THIS ISN'T ME!
I HAVEN'T BEEN THAT PERSON FOR YEARS--
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP


AAARH-
H-HEH... SO YA COULDN'T DO IT... COULDJA?
WELL... LOOKS LIKE I'M STRONGER'N YOU AFTER ALL...
FIRE'S... PRETTY LOW... BUT I THINK I'VE GOT ENOUGH LEFT TO... CLEAN UP HERE...
unhh...
ahh...
OKAY... BYE-BYE, FREAK ...
UH? WHO..?


WHAT?
WHO..?
WHAT?
YOU... CHEATER!
...
CHEATING...
CHEATING...
CHEATER!